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Komi...

...but she has trouble communi-cating.

...is studious, sweet, and lovely...

...should be a breeze, a cinch, a piece of cake.

...so intro-ducing herself to her new class-mates...

She's grown accustomed to high school and made many friends...

Let's get third year started !!!!!!

BABMP BABMP BABMP HUFF SHAKE BABMP HUFF HUFF BABMP SHAKE SHAKE BABMP

But it isn't!!

Communication 325: Classmates

CHAK

IN YOUR SEATS, PLEASE.

RATTLE

Miwa

TAK

TAK

TAK

Miwa Omojiri

I LOOK FORWARD TO OUR TIME TOGETHER.

I'M MIWA OMOJIRI, YOUR HOMEROOM TEACHER.

YOU'RE MY FIRST REAL HOMEROOM.

Miwa Omojiri

I WAS THE ASSISTANT TEACHER FOR CLASS 2-1.

...AND IT'S TRUE THAT I LACK TEACHING EXPERIENCE.

YOU MAY BE WORRIED THAT I'M TOO YOUNG...

YOU'LL BE TAKING COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS THIS YEAR.

...SO I'M WELL SUITED TO GIVING YOU ADVICE.

Miwa Omojiri

BUT I HAVE TAKEN EXAMS, AND YOU KNOW ME...

Omojiri

BUT...

I'M YOUR TEACHER, NOT YOUR FRIEND.

...HOWEVER TRIVIAL.

...IT WILL MAKE ME HAPPY IF YOU CONSULT ME ABOUT ANYTHING...

I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS IS HAPPEN-ING.

CLAP

CLAP

CLAP

BABMP BABMP

P- PLEASE, STOP.

Yeah! Miwa's the bossest! She doesn't have a boyfriend and she loves beer!

STATE YOUR NAME AND A GOAL.

NOW WE'LL GO AROUND THE ROOM AND YOU WILL INTRODUCE YOURSELVES.

?!

OR YOU'RE EXPELLED!

AND YOUR MAIN SQUEEZE IF YOU GOT ONE!

T U N

Okay, front row! Go!!

Miwa Shoko

Are you disobeying your teacher?!

B-BUT–

Silence, Tadano!

BUT I HAVEN'T–

I'D LIKE TO GO INTO SOCIAL WORK.

OH, WHAT A NICE GOAL!

HI! I'M **MUZUKA SHIINA!** NICE TO MEET YA!

TCH

HUUUH ?!

URGH... THEN I TAKE IT BACK!

Miwa Omojiri

?

?

AND I DON'T HAVE A MAIN SQUEEZE.

FWAH

FWAH

I'M SO HAPPY!

I WANNA GROW UP TO BE JUST LIKE YOU, MS. OMOJIRI!

I'M MACHI OMAKAWA! I WAS IN CLASS 2-3! IT'S A PLEASURE TO BE HERE!

UHH, THANKS.

AND YOUR HAIR'S CUTE!

CUZ YOU'RE SUPER CUTE!

My hands?

AND YOUR HANDS'RE CUTE!

...

?

...

...

OMA-KAWA?

YOU MAY SIT.

...

OKAY, NEXT...

BI

NG

...ga-ga.
(...OGIYA.)

?!

Goo-goo...
(I'M HAFURU...)

Blibble!
(MY GOAL IS TO GRADUATE HIGH SCHOOL.)

Gah-goo!
(NICE TO MEET YOU.)

?!

BLUNT

Ba-boo!
(I HAVE NO INTEREST IN DATING.)

THIS CLASS HAS SO MANY INTERESTING PEOPLE IN IT!

I'M KOTO KYONO!

I'M SO JEAL-OUS!

BUT I BET ALL OF YOU ARE!

I'M NOT DATING ANYONE.

MY GOAL IS TO GET ALONG WITH EVERYONE!

Ouejin

...

ARE YOU SHIVERING? IS IT COLD IN HERE?

WHAM

OOPS.

AM I NEXT?

SLAM

BMP

OOPS.

...

SLAM

START WITH YOUR *NAME*, FUKI...

I DON'T HAVE A GIRL-FRIEND!

SIIII-IGH...

I'M LILY... SUKIDA.

?!

AND I'M DYING.

I WANNA BE A PUBLIC SERVANT...

...AND NO, I'M NOT SEEING ANYONE.

MY NAME'S KYARA NANODA.

NICE TO MEET YOU.

IS SHE CRYING?!

PLIP

PLIP

ULP...

Now check out this gag!

I value wisdom above all else!

I'm everyone's beloved Najimi Osana! Libra! Blood type B!

One step-a, two step-a, three step-a...

I'm-a gonna go-a walkin'!

*Central America

Sure is hot!

Where am I?

...Nica-ragu-a!

WHY ISN'T ANYONE REACT-ING?!

...

...

N

The pan-creatic islets !!

N

Where are we now ?

N

Pizza, pizza, pizza ...

N

Say "pizza" ten times !

KIRE? ARE YOU... ANGRY?

...

OMAKAWA, WHY ARE YOU STILL STANDING?

...

UM... BOSA?

...

I'M NOT ROMANTICALLY INVOLVED WITH ANYONE.

I'M TERUYOSHI JIMOCHI, A FUTURE DOCTOR!

OW...

THE GYARU IS THE MOST NORMAL!!

AND I'M HUNTIN' FOR A MAN! ♥

I WANNA GET INTO THE SCHOOL OF MY CHOICE! ★

I'M YUKA SHIROKI! ★ CALL ME YUKAPOYO! ♥

TRMBL

OKAY, NEXT IS...

AND THE MOOD IS TENSE!

CAN I HANDLE THIS?

TRMBL

EVERYONE IS SO DIFFERENT!

WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THIS CLASS?

BABAM

HUFF

HUFF

SHAKE

SHAKE

HUFF

SHAKE

CHAK

I'M...

I'M...

SNAP

BABAM

SHAKE

HONK HONK

CLANG

SHAKE

RUSTL

PLIP

SHAKE

RUSTL

PLOP

BABAM BOOM

...KOMI.

...SHOKO...

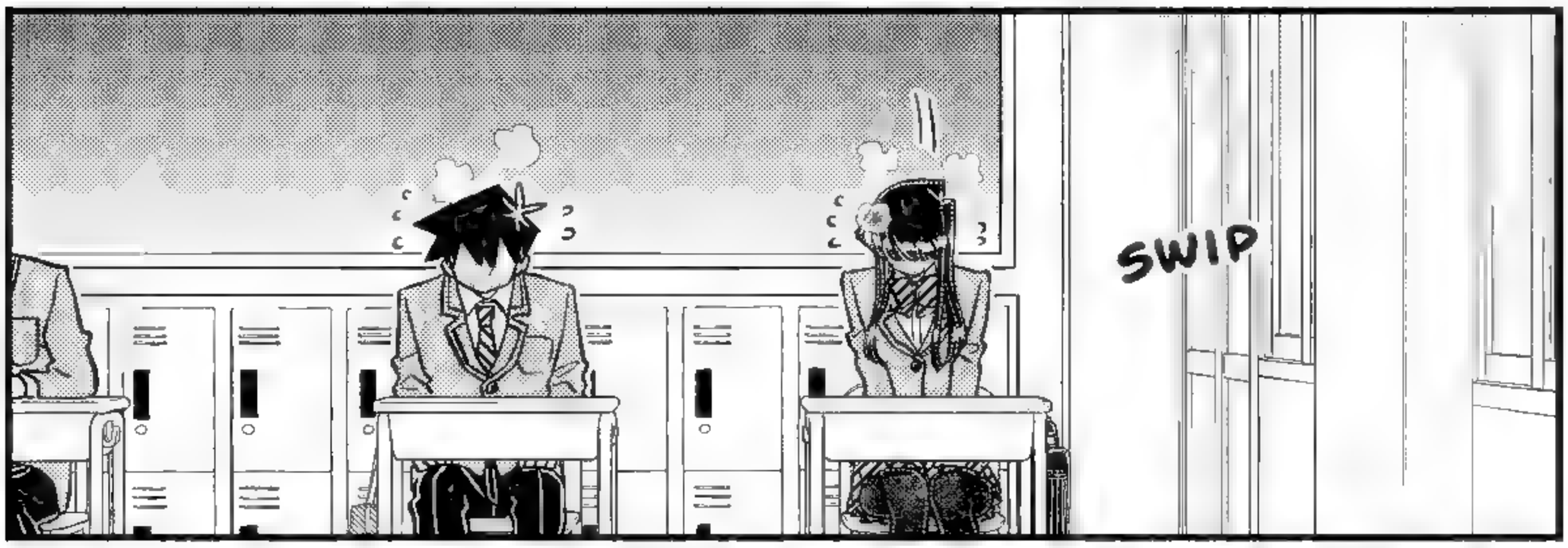
...MY GOAL IS...

UM...

...FRIENDS.

...TO MAKE 100...

AND I'M DATING...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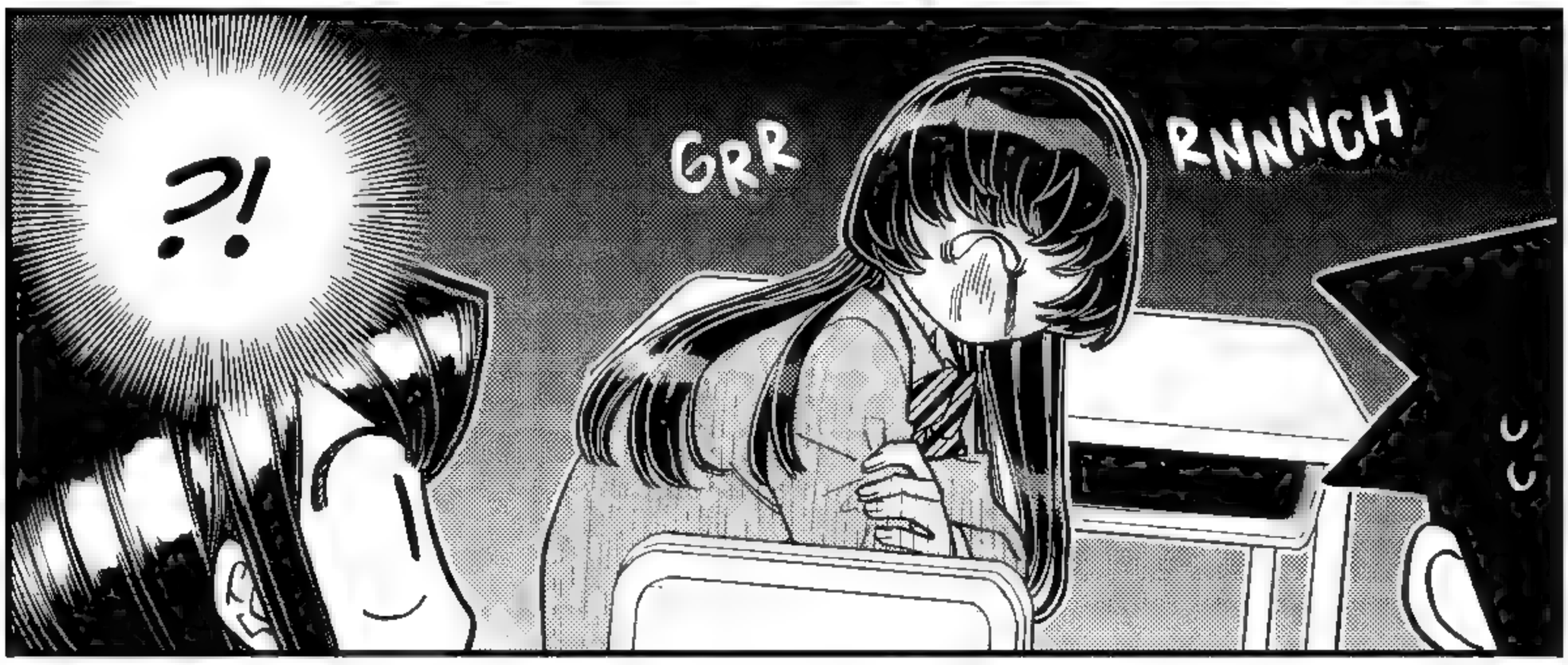
?!
GRR
RNNNGH

MY GOAL IS TO IMPROVE MY ENGLISH.

I'M HITOHITO TADANO. I WAS IN CLASS 2-1.

...NICE TO MEET YOU.

SO, UM...

...YEAH...

I'M DATING...

...KOMI.

SWIP

MAYBE I CAN DO THIS!!

For a moment, the class was united.

AAAA

CLAP CLAP CLAP

?!

...step over here!

Anyway, if you wanna be Komi's friend...

SILENCE

HM?

!!

FESTIVAL

...!!

ISN'T KOMI POPULAR?

Komi's classmates can't communicate.

UH-OH!!

Head teacher for year 3

I PUT HER WITH EVERYONE WHO *ISN'T* HER FRIEND!

Communication 325 — The End

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ALL READY, KOMO?

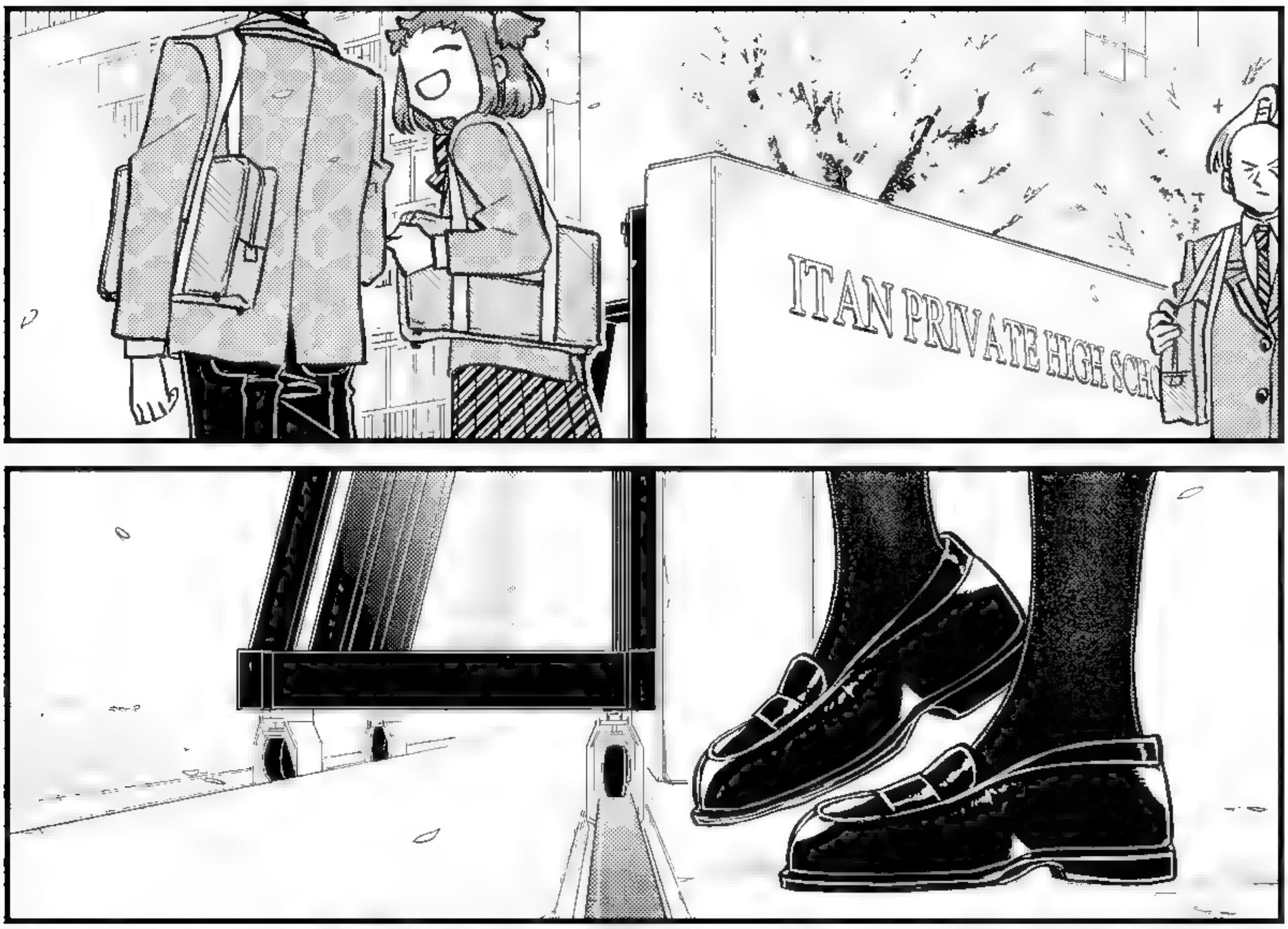
YA LOOK GOOD!

Komorebi Hiki holes up at home.

*See volume 21, communication 275.

Communication 326: School Starts

Height: 5'11"
Must be nice!
She's tall!!
Yeah!
!
TAP TAP
BING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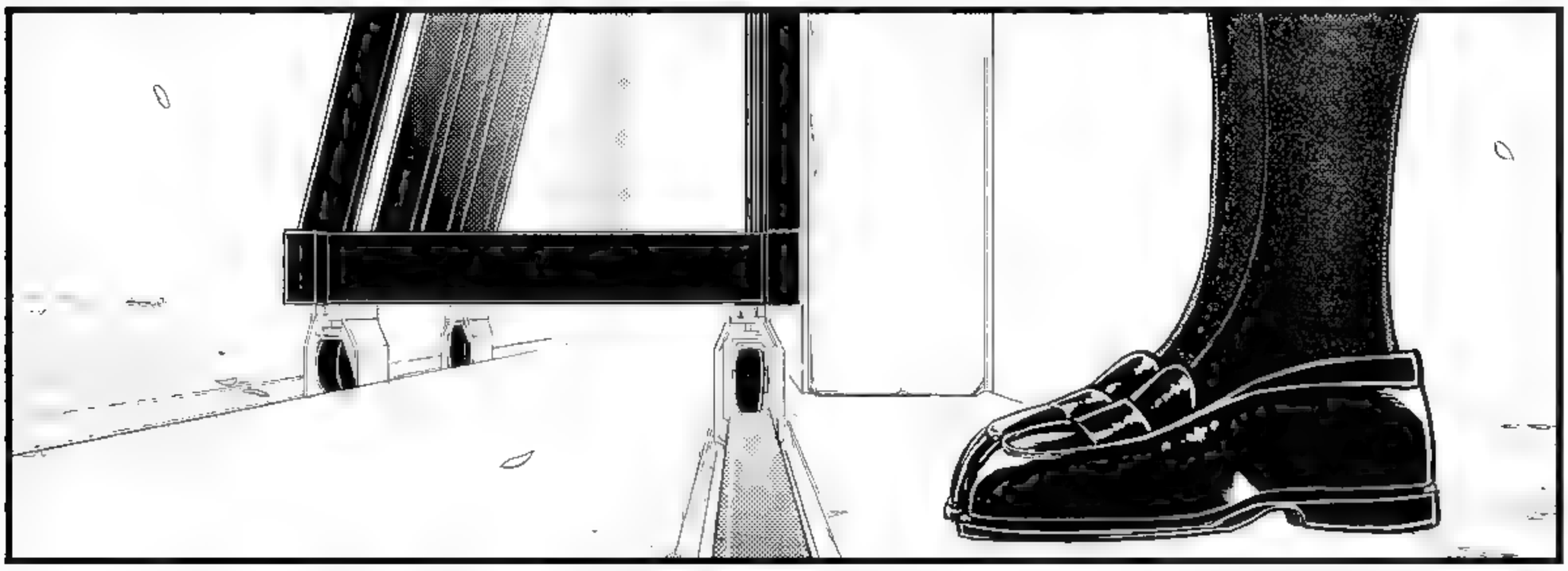

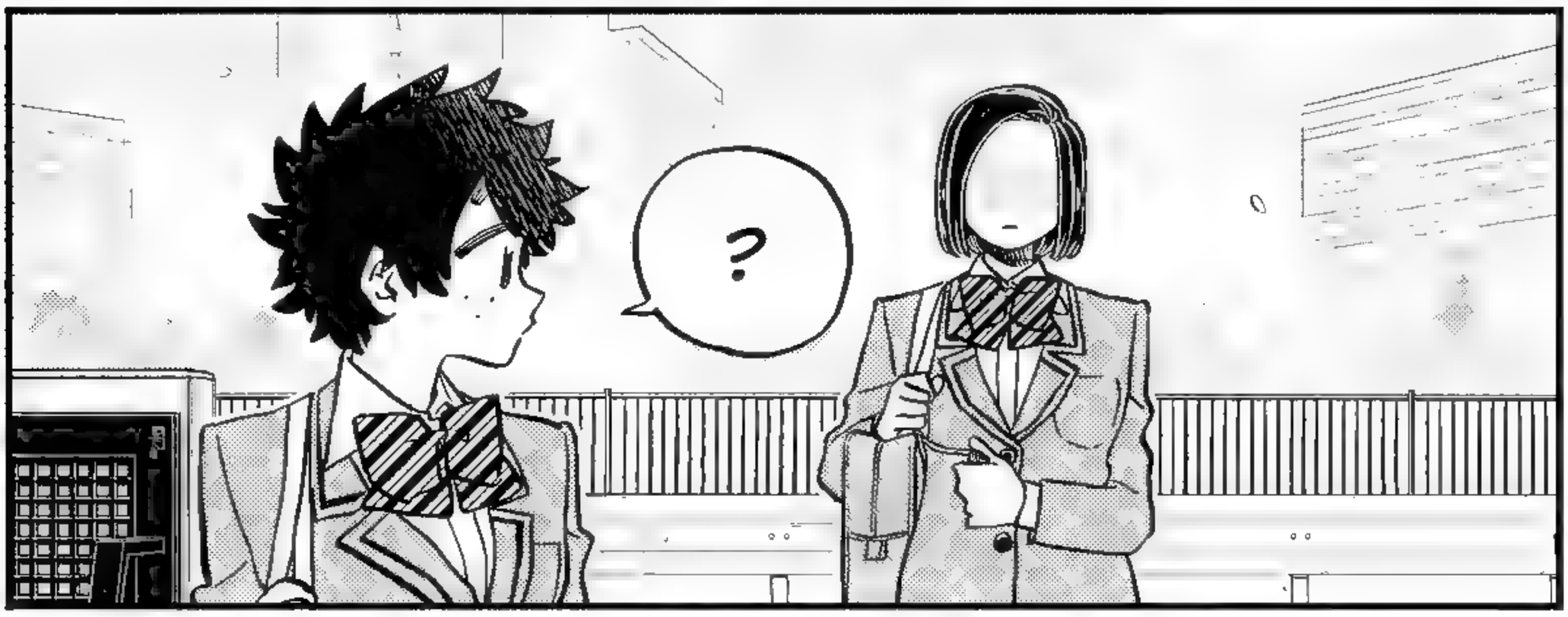
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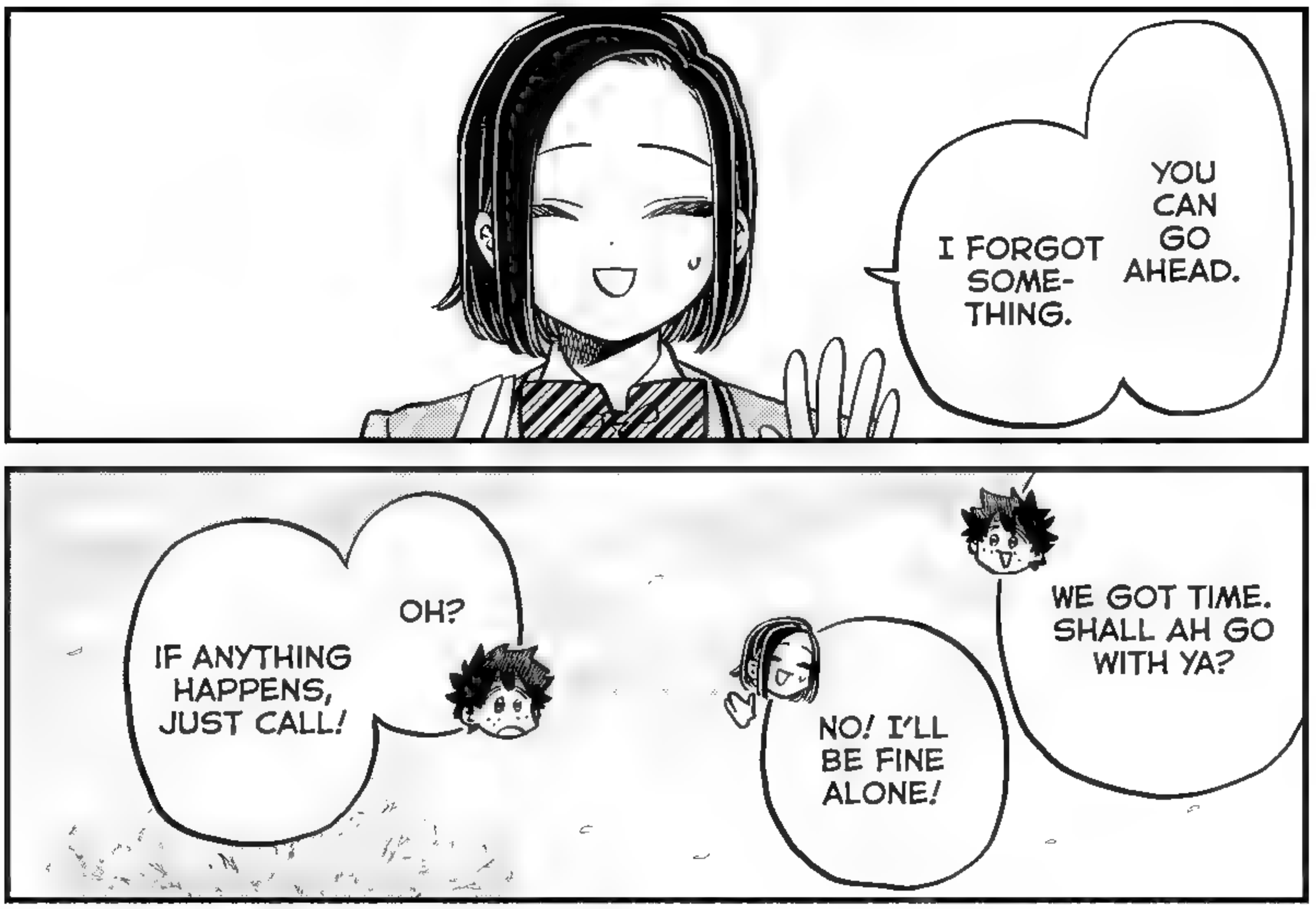
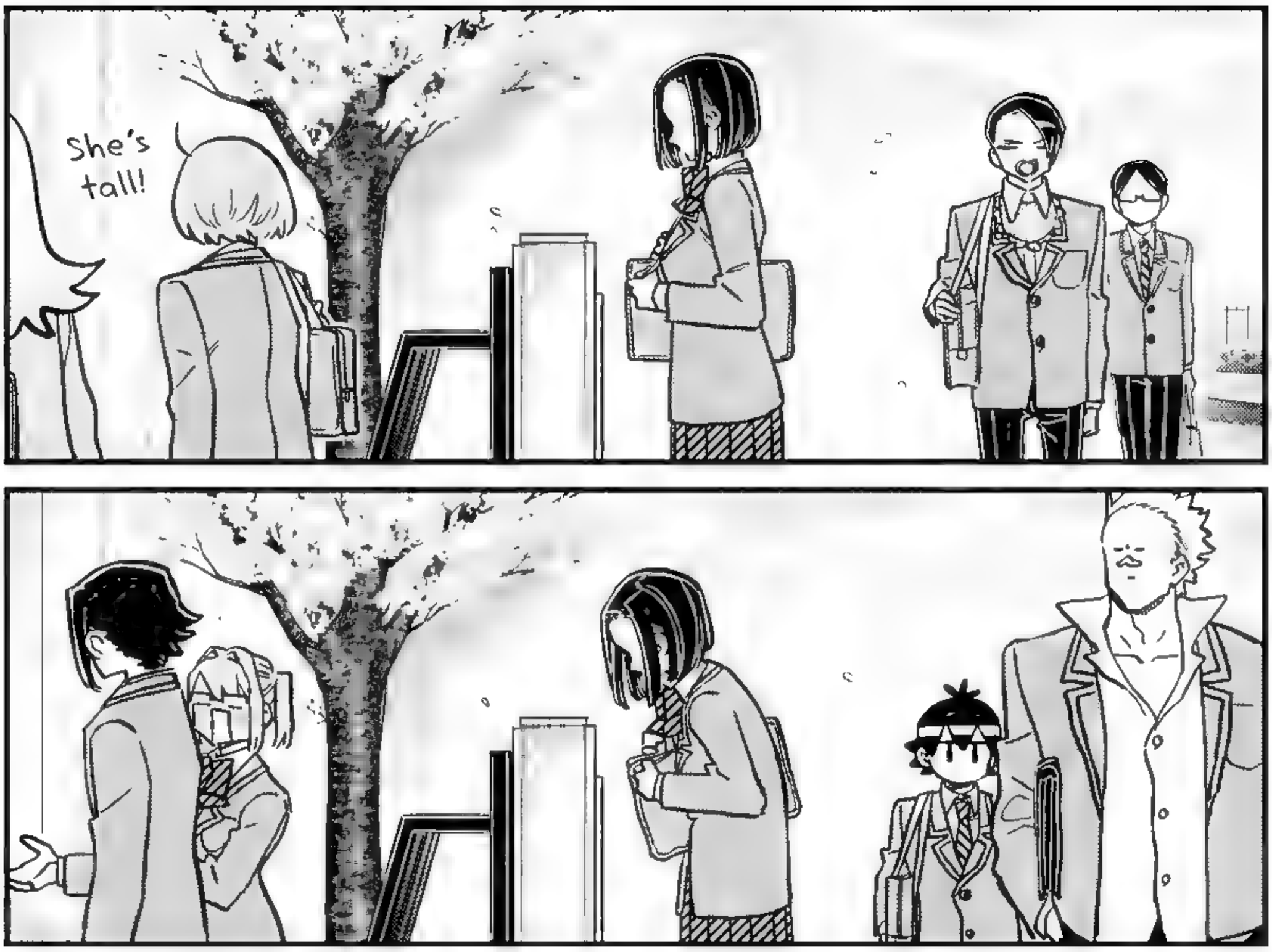

I FORGOT SOME-THING.
YOU CAN GO AHEAD.
IF ANYTHING HAPPENS, JUST CALL!
OH?
NO! I'LL BE FINE ALONE!
WE GOT TIME. SHALL AH GO WITH YA?

FWA AAH
UH, YEAH.
Finally got one in year 3
ON MAH SMARTY-PHONE!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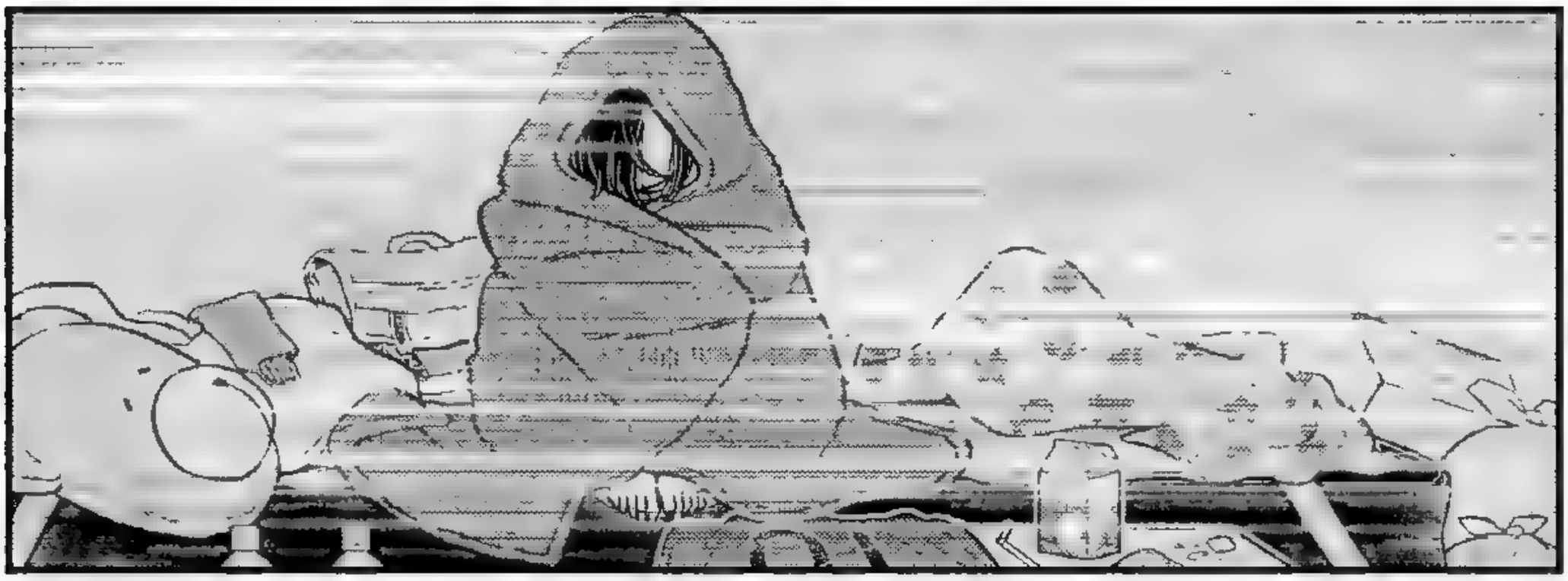

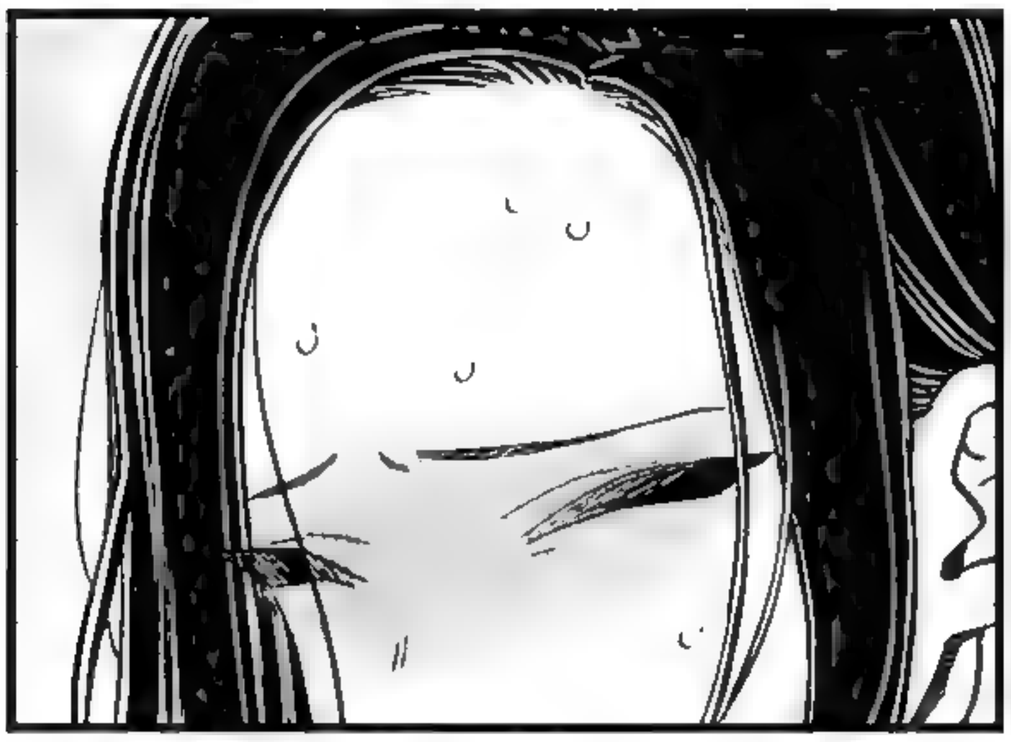

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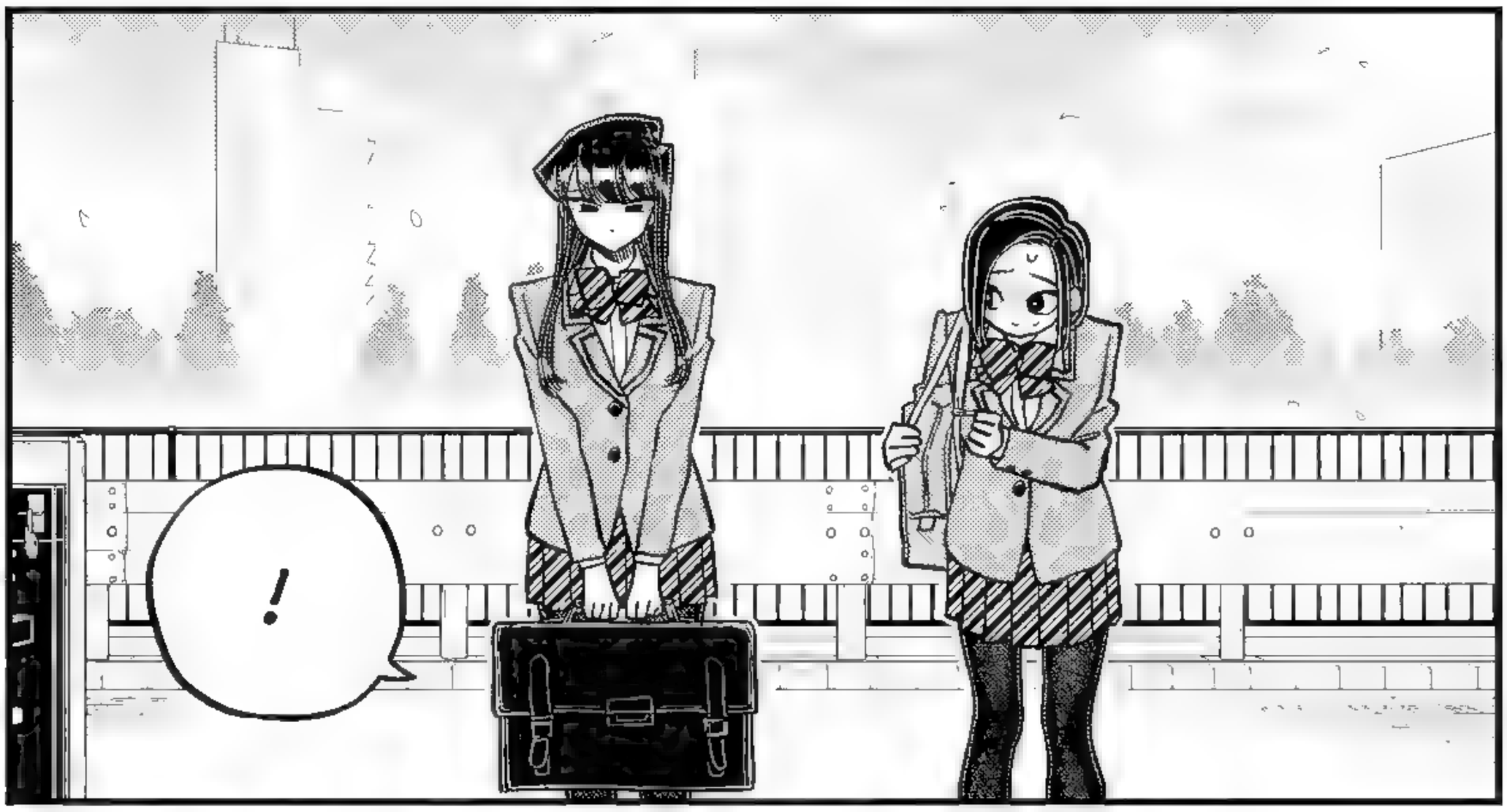
G.R.I.P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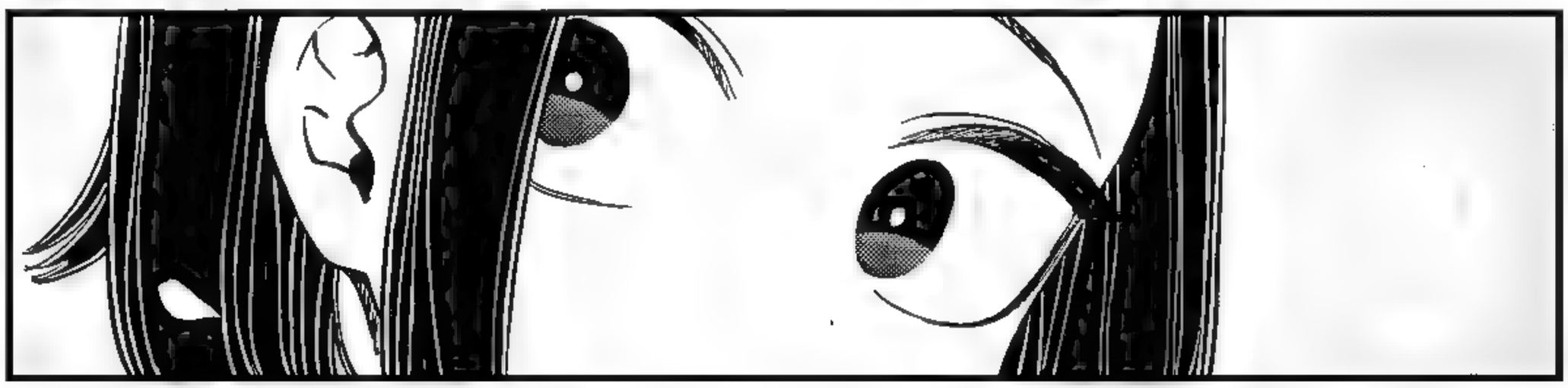
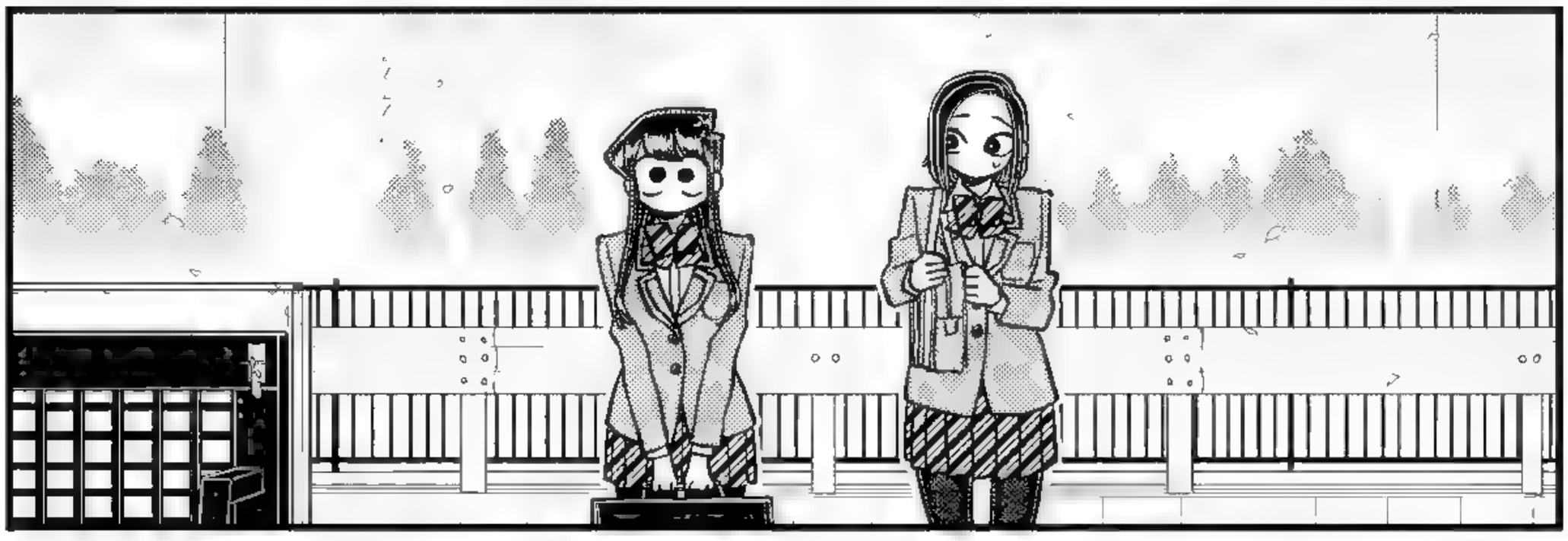
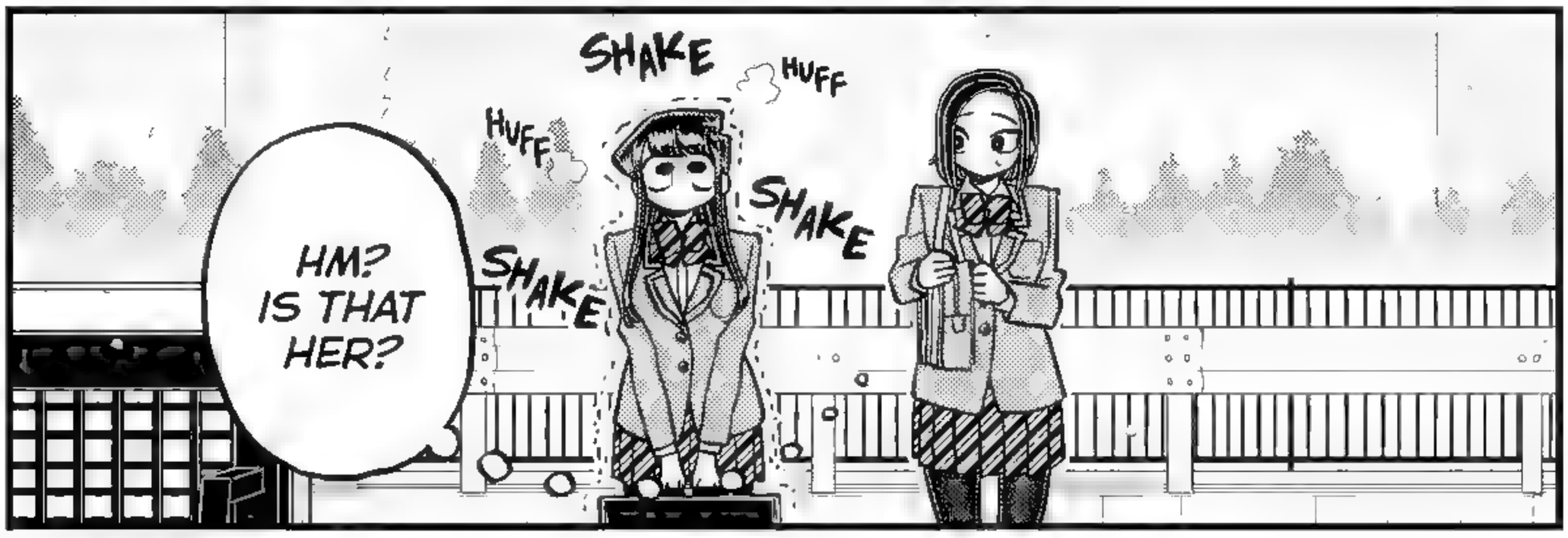





SHAKE
HUFF
HUFF
SHAKE
SHAKE
HM? IS THAT HER?

HMF

PWIK

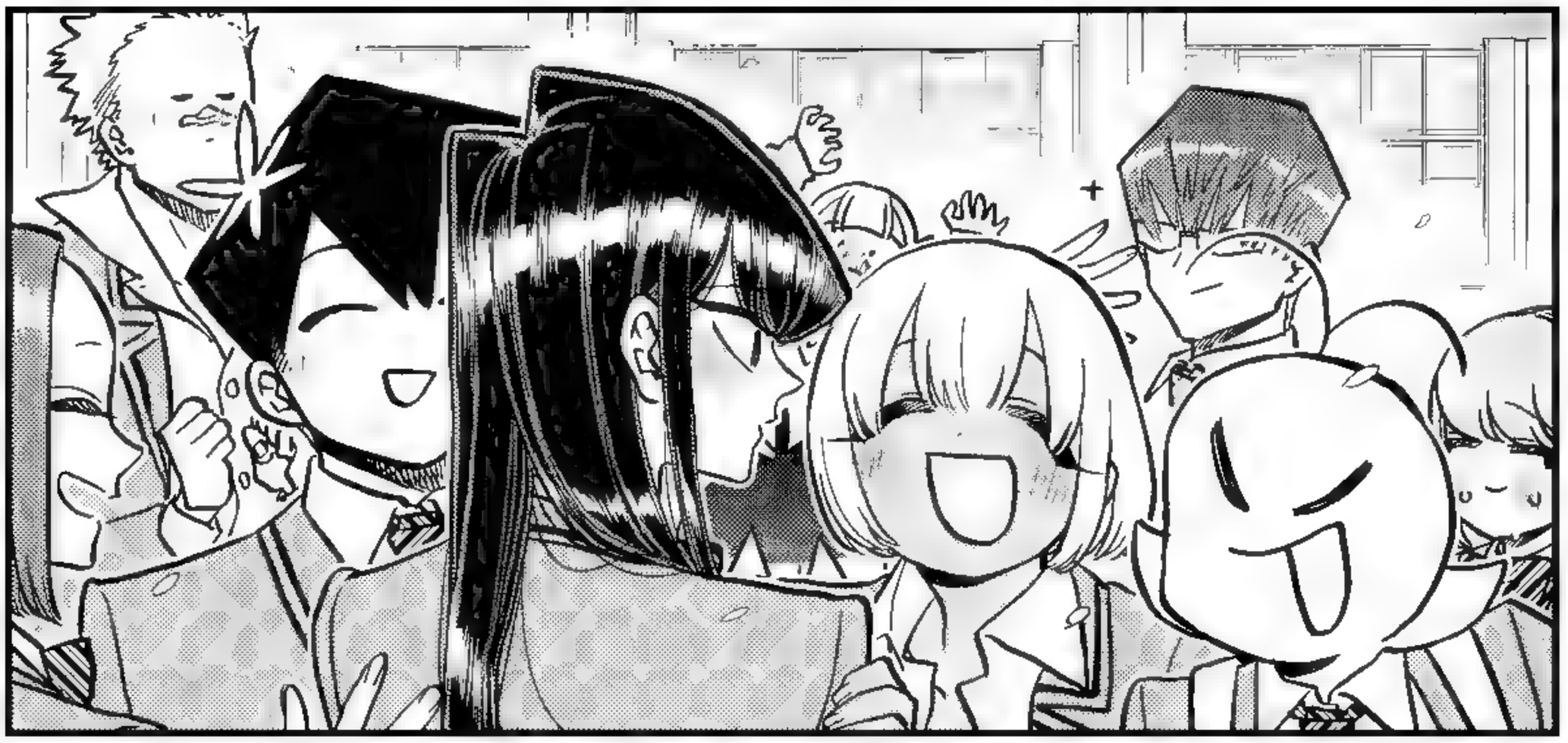
CAT EARS?!

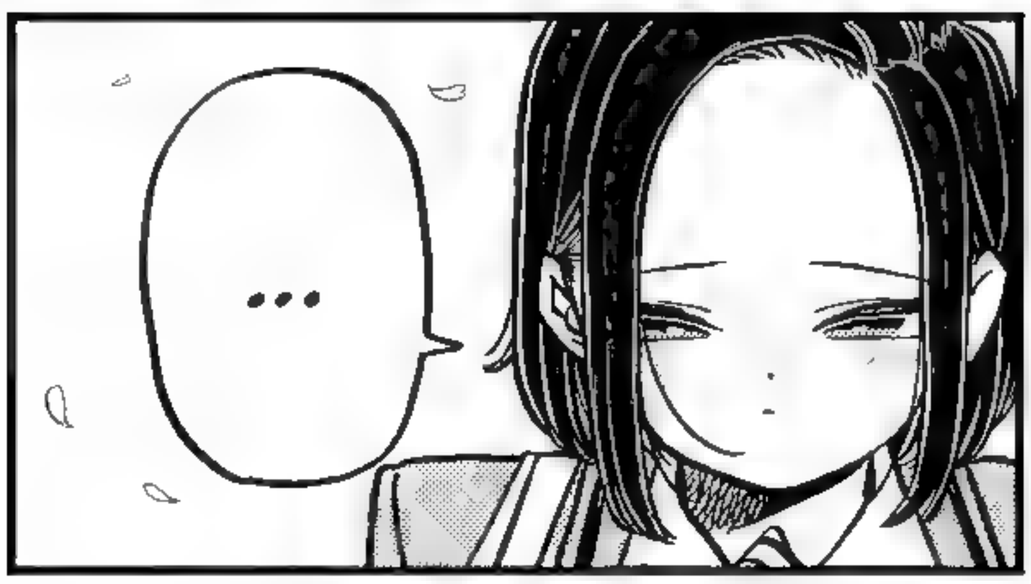
*Ima-ginary.

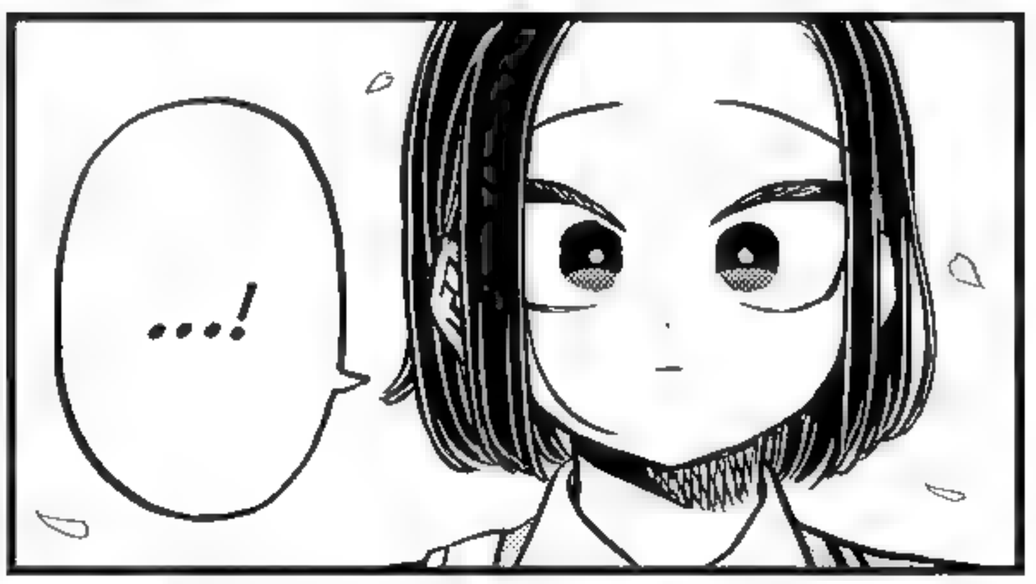
UM...!

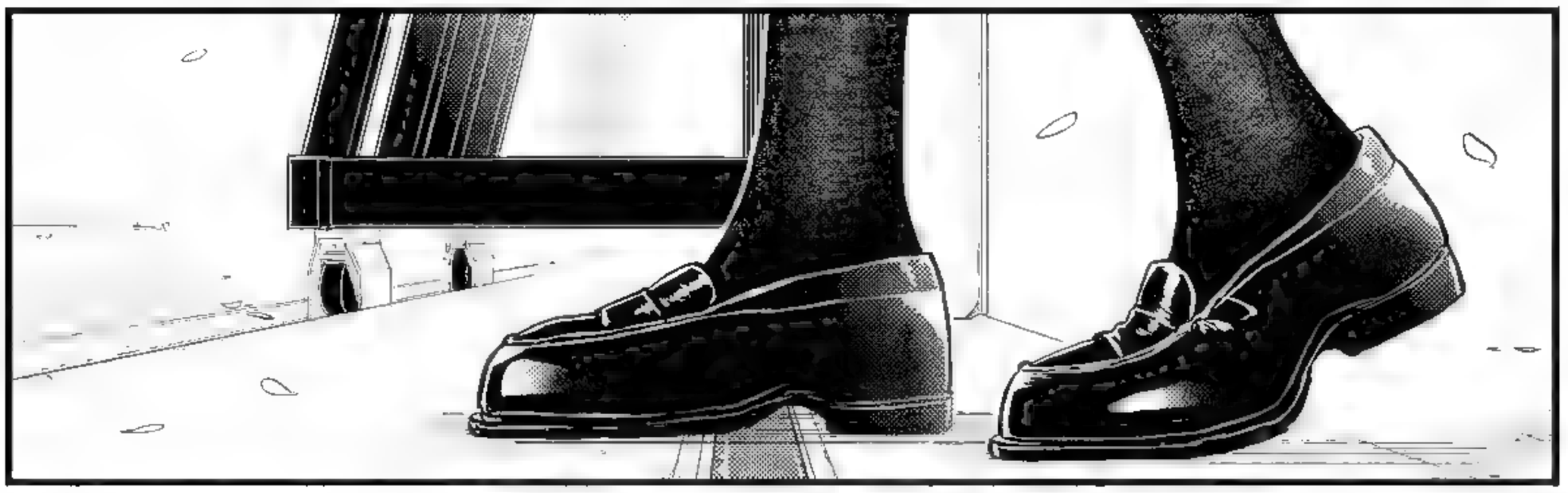
Heeey!

!









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It's a Rakura○ hon!

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Communication 327: Rumiko in Year 3

AGH!

UH... YEAH.

GOOD MORNING!

UM... UH-HUH.

YOU CUT YOUR HAIR?

...

!!

YOU THINK I DID IT BECAUSE YOU *REJECTED* ME?

...WHY—

...I DID WONDER...

W-WELL...

T

?!

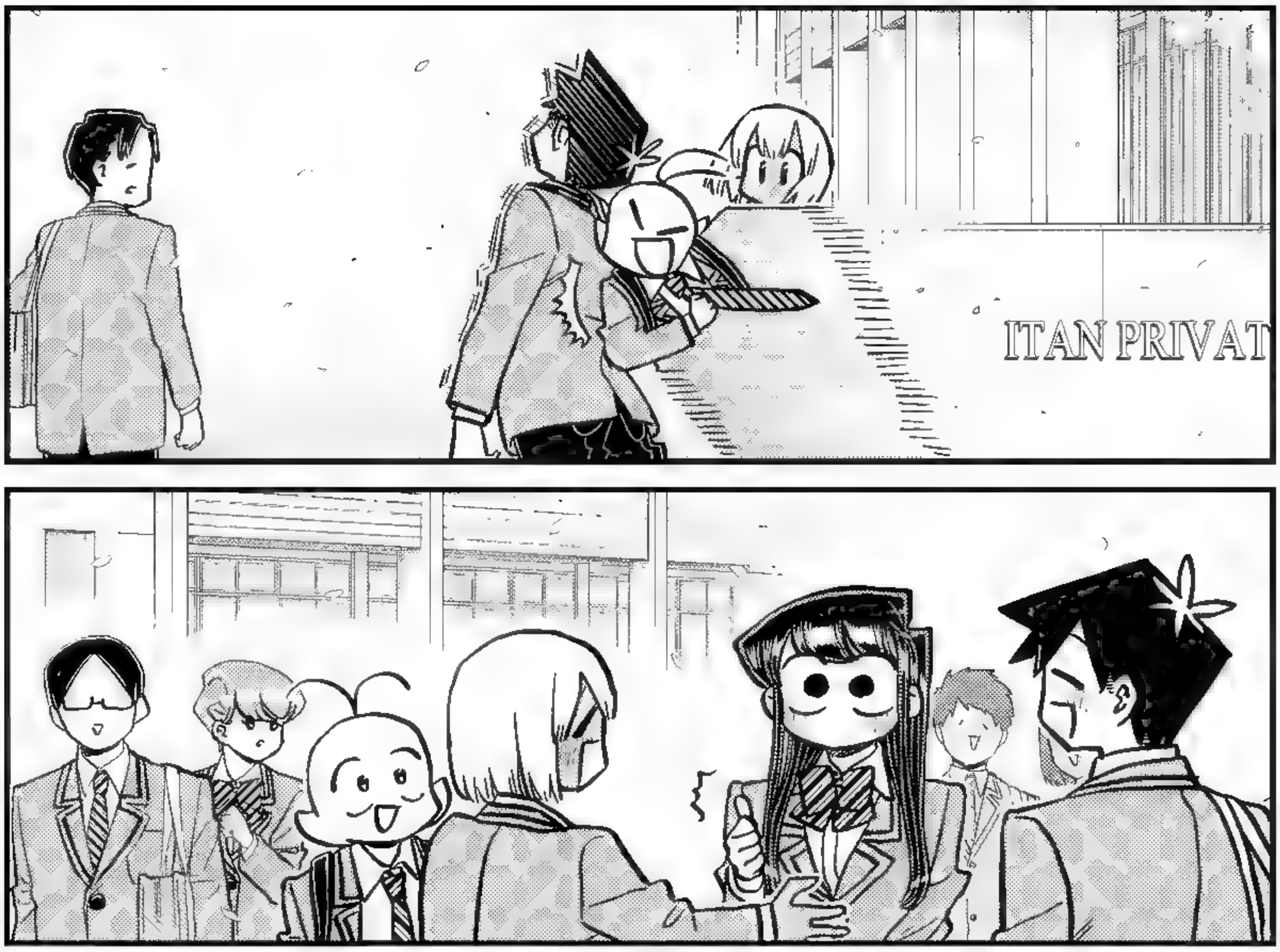
YES, I DID!!

WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO?!

NOW YOU'RE JUST BEING POLITE!!

IT'S C-CUTE!

SO AT LEAST SAY IT'S CUTE!!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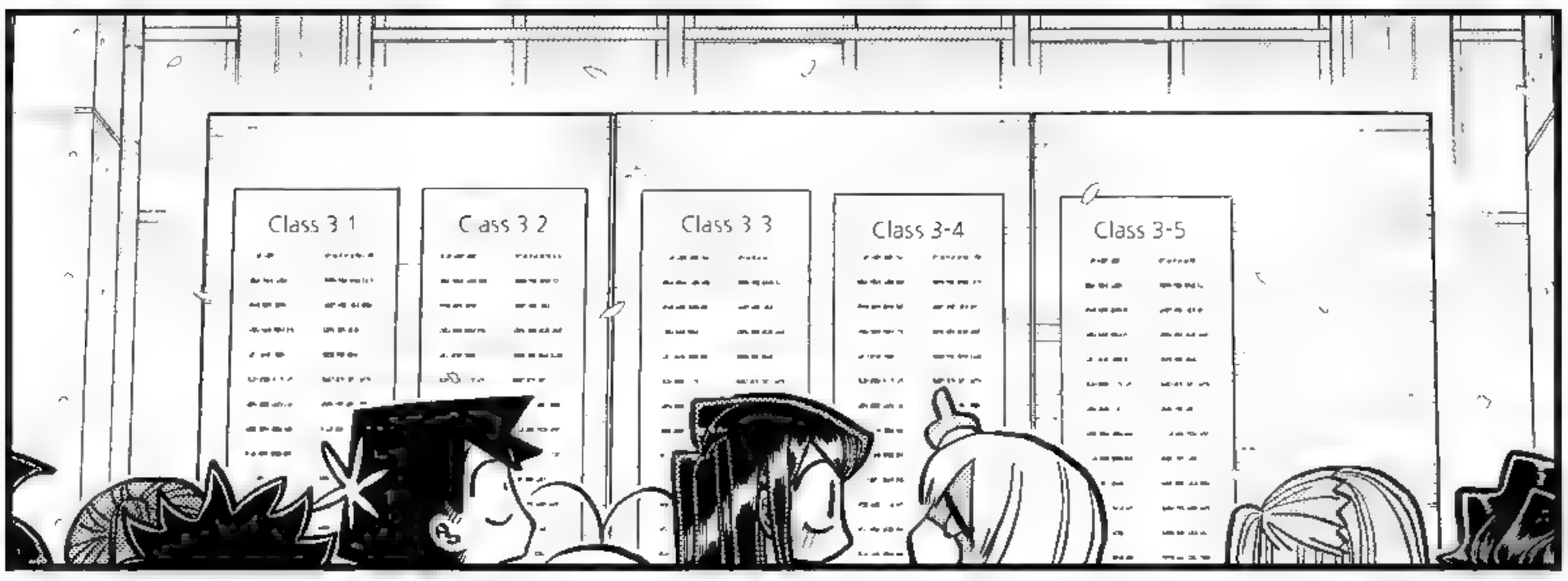
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Class 3-4
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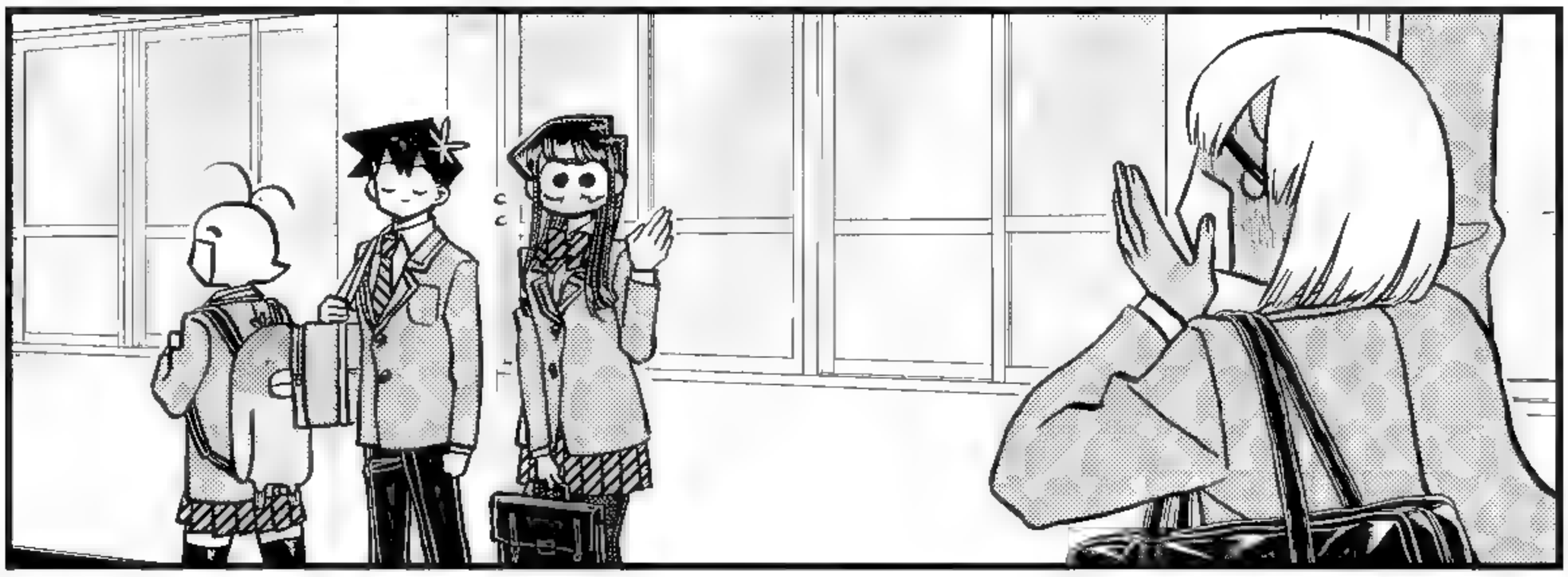


PLOINK

...

I DON'T SEE SHOKO, TADANO, OR NAJIMI...

HOW AM I GOING TO SURVIVE?!

CHAK

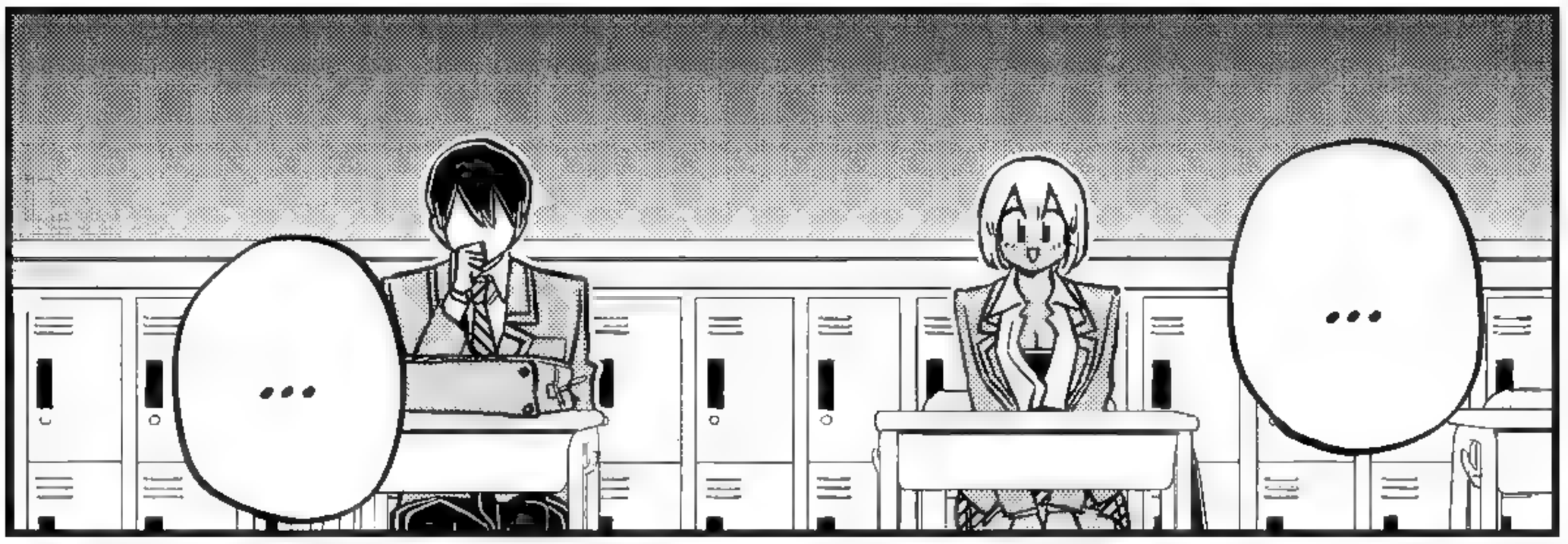
HMPH

!

JUST LIKE KOMI DID!

NO! I'VE GROWN SINCE LAST YEAR!

GRIN
GOOD MORNING! WE'RE NEIGHBORS, HUH?
UHN.
...
...
...
...
...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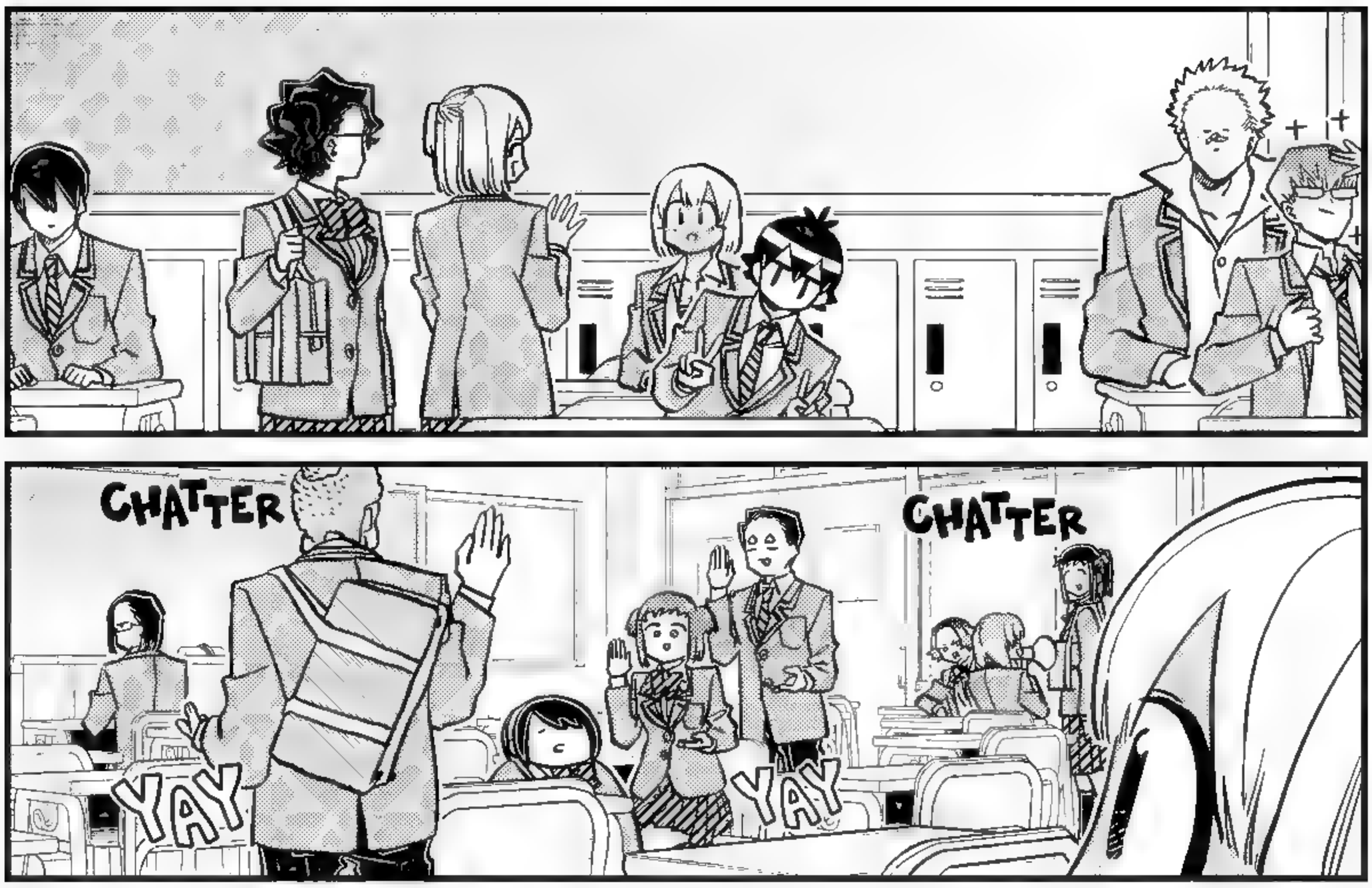
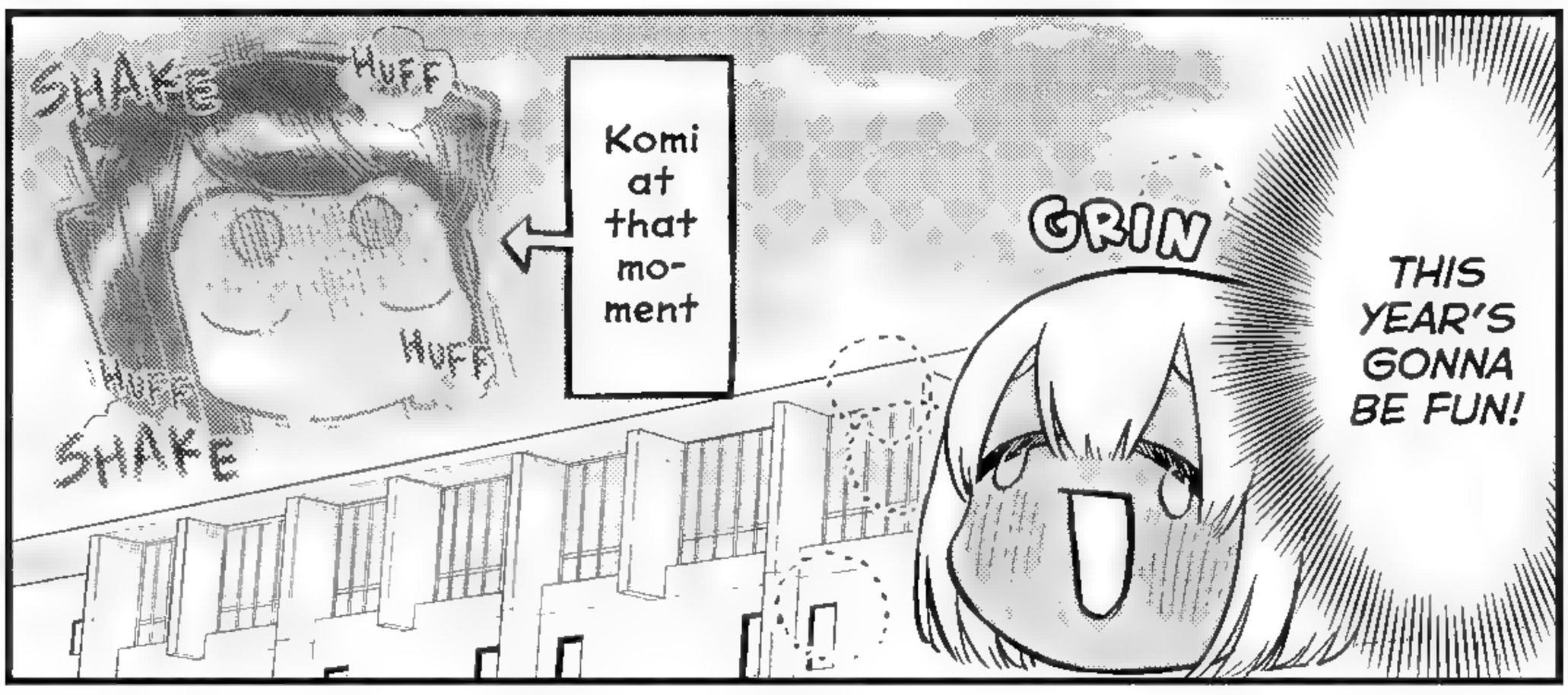
TREMMMMMM
MMMMMBLE
Shoko...
NO, I'M NOT GONNA BE OKAY!

HI! WE'RE IN THE SAME CLASS!
!
I'm not happy we're classmates!
I was just coming into class!
Why'd you bump into me?!
YOUR LONG HAIR WAS SO PRETTY!
S
BUT THIS IS CUTE TOO!
K
HUG
?!
WHAT'S SHE LOOKING AT?!
R
BOING
BOING
I CAN'T LET HER SHOW ME UP!
M





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Communication 328: Conversation

GR IN

GOOD MORNING! WE'RE NEIGHBORS, HUH?

...!

UHN.

...

...

...

TREMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMBLE

Wakai can't talk to girls.

Gyaru are scary...

I CAN'T TALK TO GIRLS!

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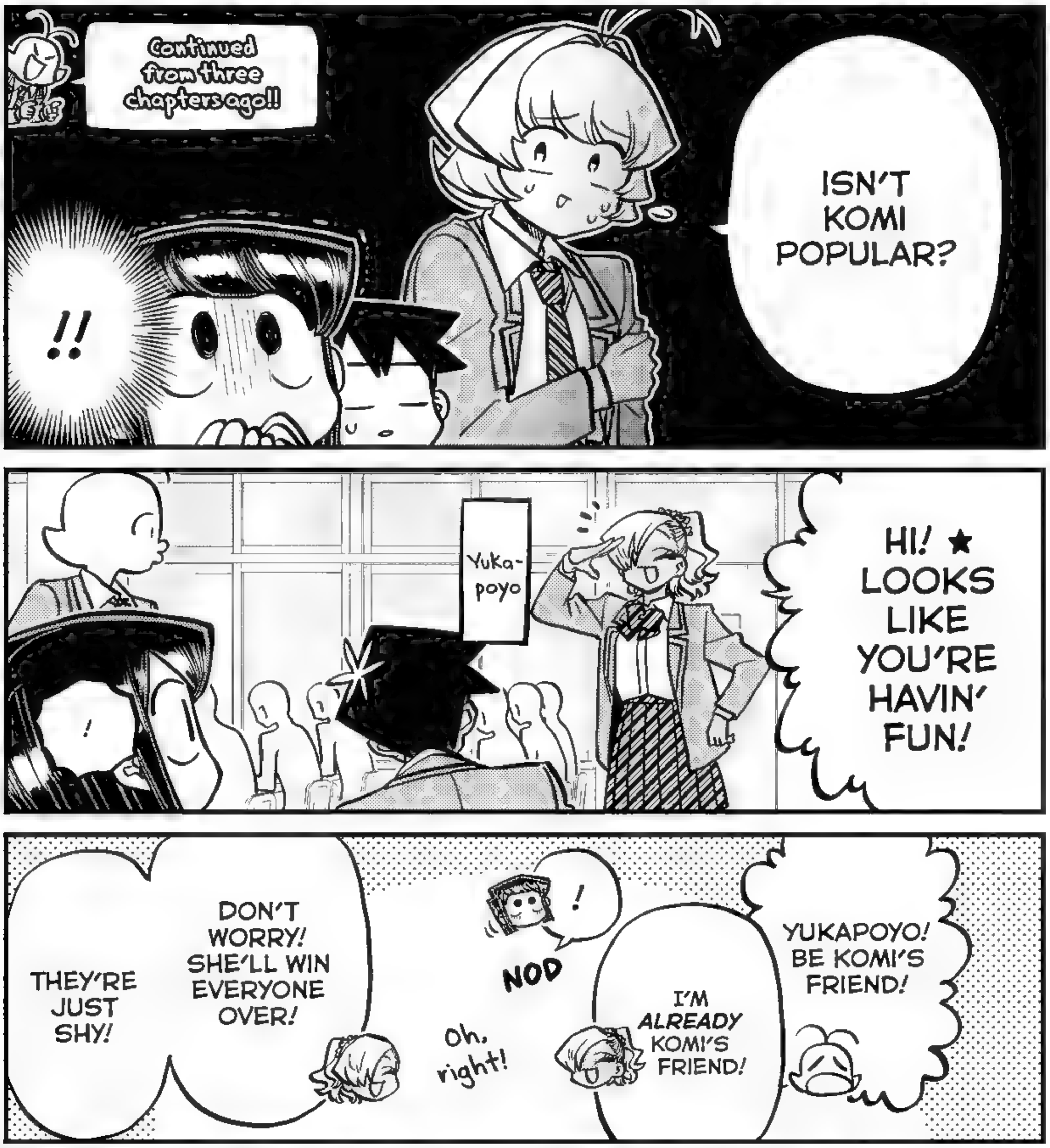


Communication 329: Doing Well

LIKE SALT ON A WOUND!

!!!

...

ISN'T KOMI POPULAR?

Re-ceiving new text-books

WHAT A SERIOUS CLASS.

Class 3-1 study-ing

?!

TADANO HARMLESS 17

SHOKO Recruiting Friends

After school

Ooh, look!

Here comes someone!

ARE THE SIGNS NECESSARY?

Meanie!

Do you want Komi to do this alone?!

What are we doing?!

TADANO

HARMLESS 4'11"

WHY ME TOO?

Kyo-no

...!

...?!

...WOULD REALLY BE SOMETHING!

BEING FRIENDS WITH THE GIRL WHO IS WORSHIPPED LIKE A GODDESS BY SO MANY STUDENTS...

TADANO

HARMLESS 4'11"

SHOKO

Recruiting Friends

...really would.

Yes, it...

Ogi-
ya

?!

Goo-goo.
(VERY WELL.)

?!

Yesh.
(YES.)

GRIP

HUH?
WITH
ME?

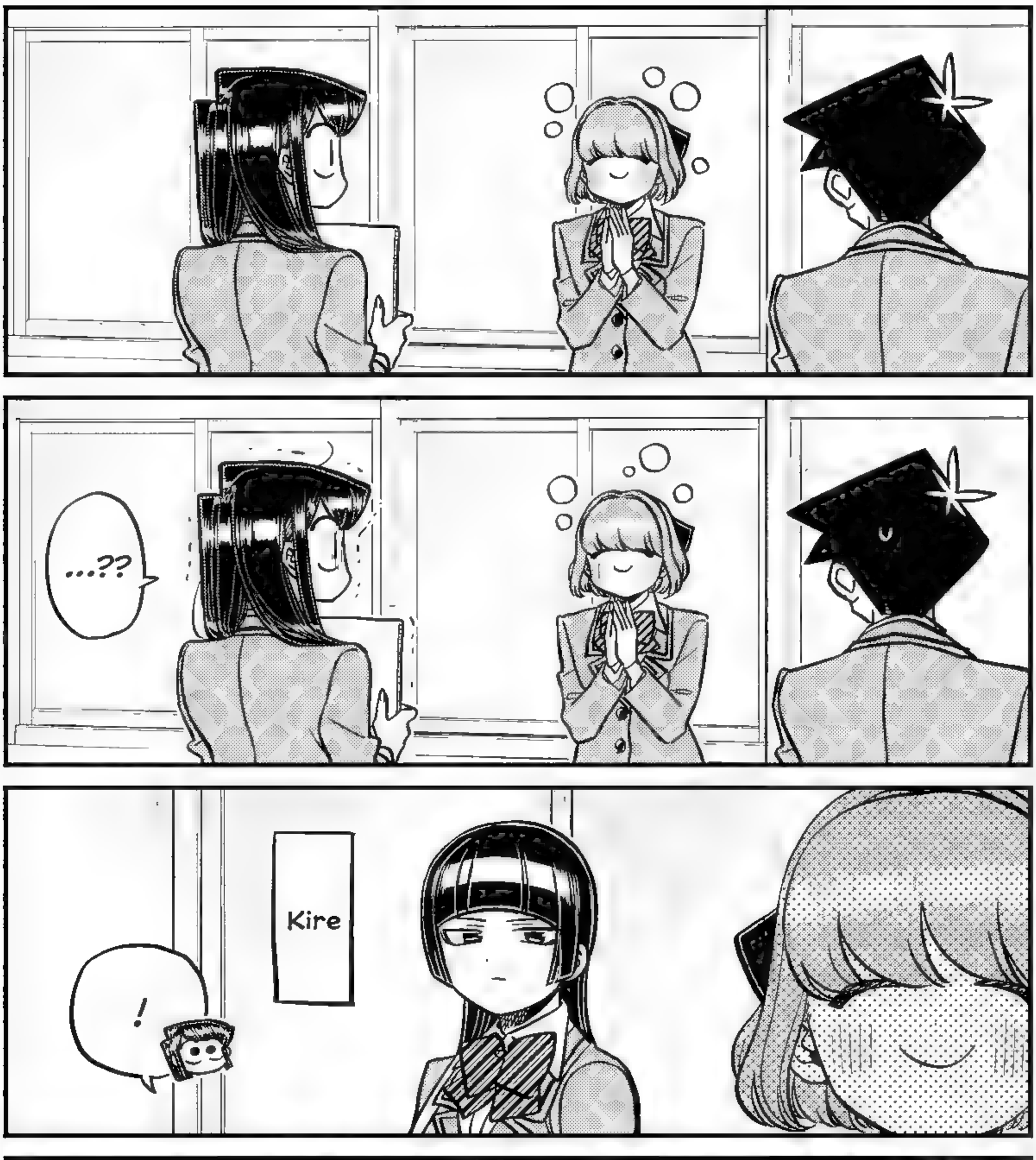
!

BLUSH

ADORABLE!
LIKE A
LITTLE
ANIMAL!

Oma-
kawa

YOU'RE
CUTE!
AND YOU
WANT 100
FRIENDS?
WOW!


...??
Kire
!
SCRNCH
SCRNCH
SCRNCH
?!

Tadano cleaned it up later.

PEH!

?!

Suki-da

GURRRK!

SORRY... I HAVE AN EMERGENCY!

lida

TROT TROT TRO

SORRY... I HAVE AN EMERGENCY!

Jimo-chi

WOBBLE WOBBLE

PWAAAAAAAH

Bear

?!

!

C'MON! LET'S BE FWENDS!

EVIL GOD PHLEGM VEZEL!!
Evil God Phlegm Vezel
?!
RIBBIT !!
OF COURSE NOT!! I WILL BURN ALL!!
?!
TADANO
HARMLESS
SHOKO
Hahe-to
IGNOOORE
Fuki
IGNOOORE
Nano-da
Hates being ignored more than anything
CLMP CLMP
Seiki-matsu

Shii-
na

!

GRIP

!!

STAB

Good Point

SHO

Recruiting Friends

DO PEOPLE REALLY MAKE FRIENDS LIKE THIS?

SHOKO

Recruiting Friends

!

Bosa

Ojosa

Hanya

WE AREN'T VERY EXCITING THOUGH!

!!

CAN WE BE FRIENDS, KOMI?

!

SKRK SKRK

SKRK SKRK

SKRK SKRK

SKRK SKRK

You came to the summer festival stand with Nakanaka. And your stage performance at the culture festival was great.

!

...

KYAH

KYAH

?

!
NOD
YOU MADE FRIENDS WITH THE OJOSA TRIO.
!!
NOD
NOD
NOD
THEY'RE FRIENDS WITH YAMAI AND NAKANAKA, SO YOU CAN ALL HANG OUT TOGETHER!
...!
N-NOD
YOU'LL MAKE FRIENDS ONE BY ONE.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE OTHERS.
...
THREE NEW FRIENDS IN ONE DAY! WELL DONE!

WELL, HERE WE ARE.

!

Komi's house

TUG

HM?

WHAT'S WRONG?

...

!

...M...

...

M?

...

...I DID MY BEST, SO...

...UH...

UM...

...TODAY...

...

...

...

NO, NEVER MIND.

NO, GO AHEAD.

...!

...

I..

?!

...ON THE HEAD.

I'D LIKE YOU TO PAT ME...

...

NOD

ON TH-THE HEAD ?!

NOD

TO P-PAT YOU?!

...

...

...IF YOU DON'T—

FSHHH

BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO...

!!

NO, I'LL DO IT!!

INTENSE

?!!

NOD NOD

I'LL TOTALLY PAT YOU, OKAY?!!

...

N-NOW IF YOU DON'T MIND, I'LL...

...

I'VE ONLY EVER TOUCHED HER HEAD ONCE BEFORE.

AT THE SPORTS FESTIVAL.

WHAT AM I DOING?!

...

SHE SEEMED TO WANT MORE THAT DAY...

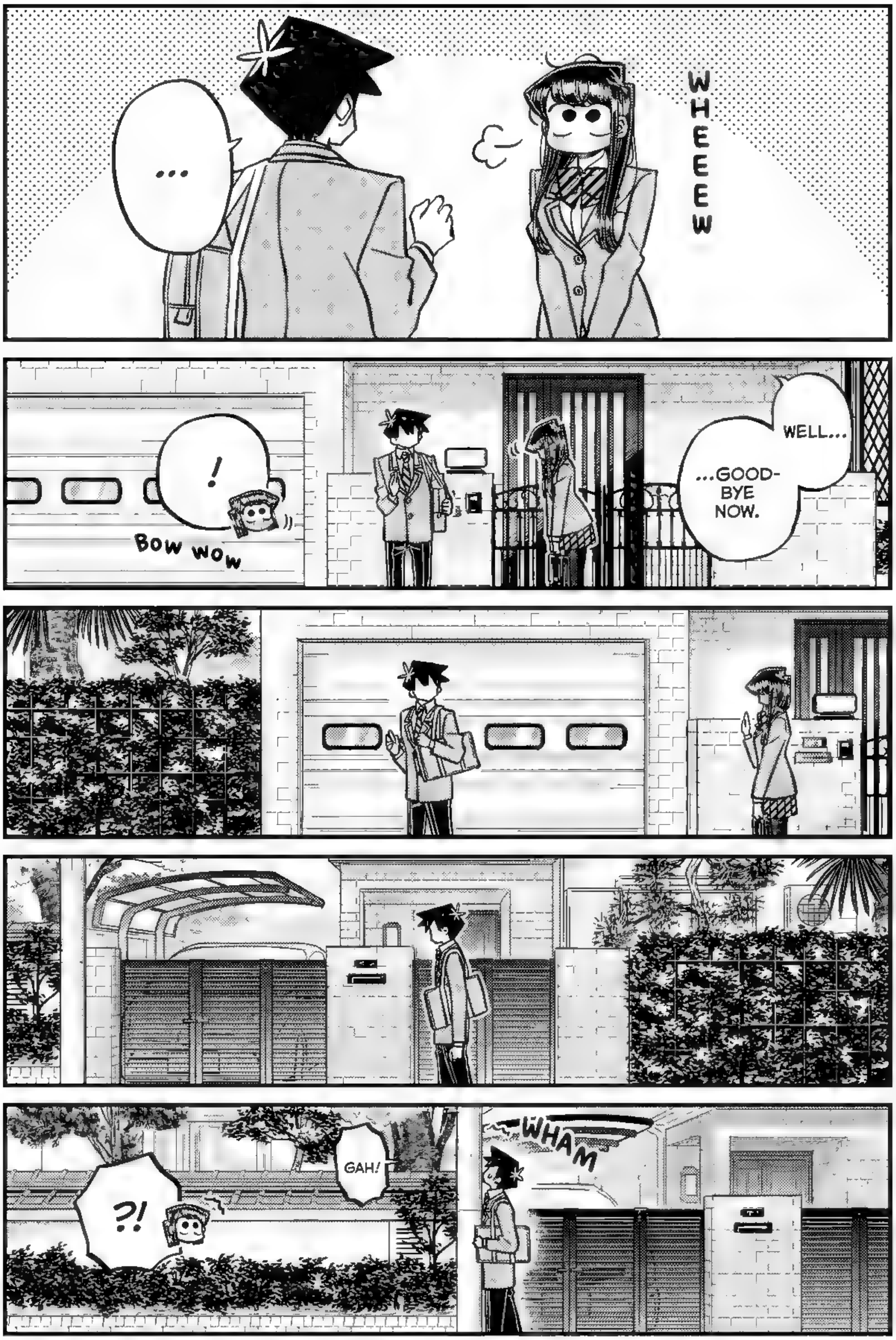
...SO SHE MUST REALLY LIKE THIS.

PAT

YOU DID WELL.

Y...

PAT
PAT



Communication 329 — The End

Making the signs
I'll write "harmless"!

Komi Can't Communicate

ENTRANCE CEREMONY
ITAN PRIVATE HIGH SCHOOL
Entrance ceremony
TO SUM UP, I WANT YOU TO BE LIKE WASABI!
CLAP
PROXY CHAIRMAN?
THANK YOU. NEXT IS THE PROXY CHAIRMAN!
Se-toka Icho (20)
All
?!
SETOKA!

AH HA! HI, STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT!

TWCH

I NEVER HEARD ABOUT THIS.

WHAAAT?!

Years 2-3

MY GRAND-FATHER RUNS THIS INSTITUTION!

THE "I" IN "ITAN" IS FOR "ICHO"!

New student

?

SURPRISED? FIRST-YEARS DON'T KNOW ME, BUT THAT'S COOL!

S

I NEED TO TRANSFER...

IT'S HER FAMILY'S SCHOOL?!

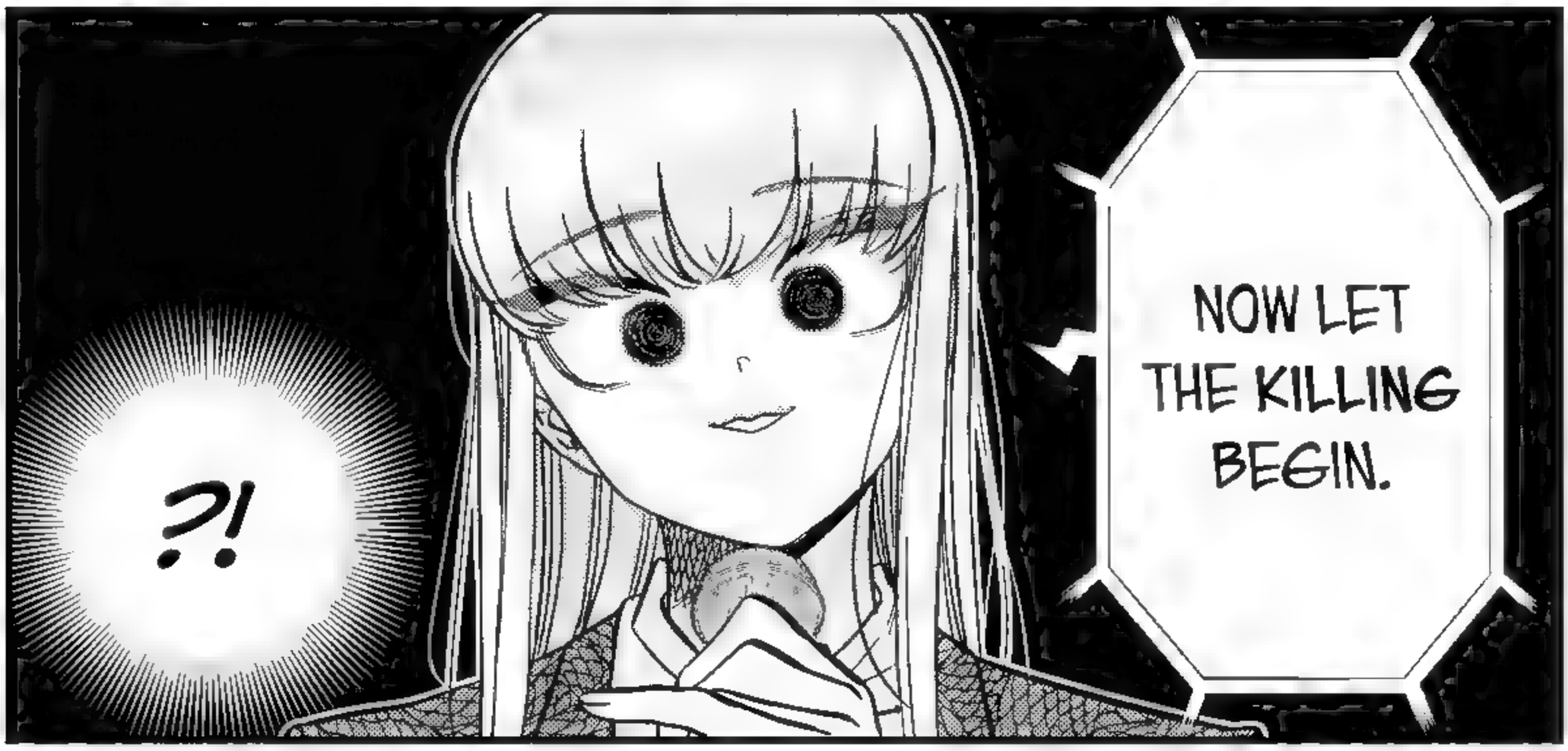
Years 2 and 3

SERIOUSLY?

NO, IT'S WORRYING!

THAT MAKES ME PROXY CHAIRMAN! AWESOME, RIGHT?!

GAH HA HA
...
...
...
...
SKWAWWK
DON'T WORRY! I'LL MAKE GOOD THINGS HAPPEN!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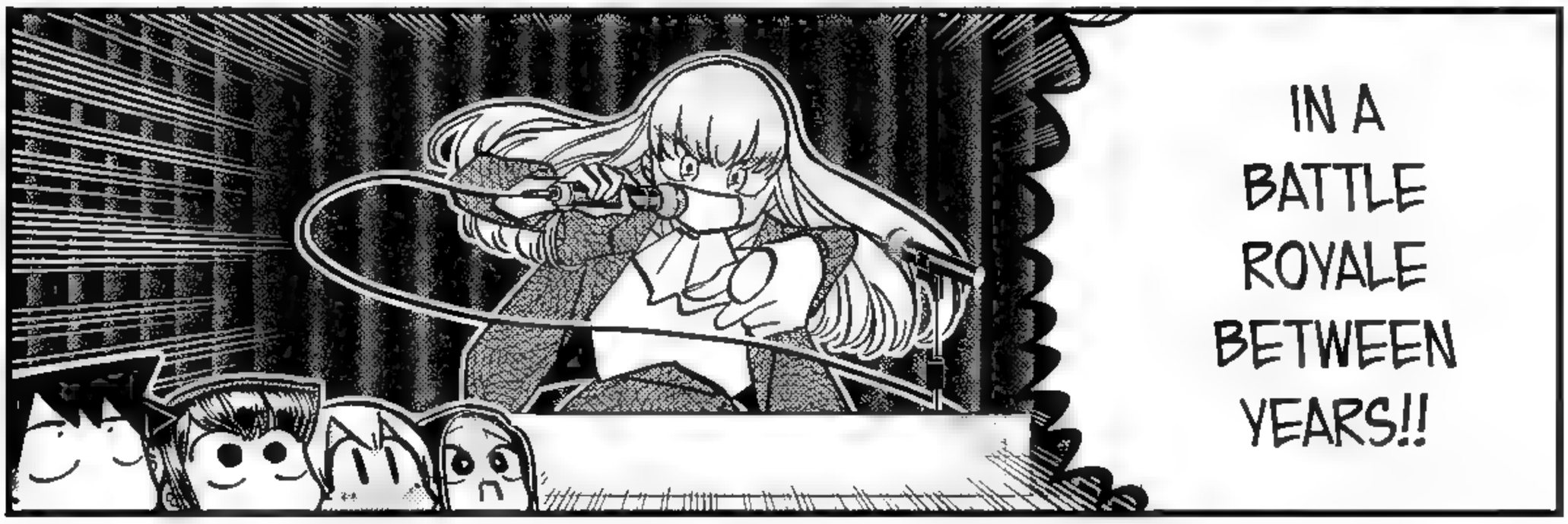
NOW LET THE KILLING BEGIN.


IN A BATTLE ROYALE BETWEEN YEARS!!

THE RULES!!
Begin on the next page

ENOUGH

ENOUGH

Enough gun

Everyone (aside from students and staff serving as judges) will receive an Enough gun.

Even a stray bullet from an ally counts, so be cautious.

OUT

BOING

FRIENDLY FIRE COUNTS

OUT

KNOCK

If a student gets shot, they're out.

...so defend your buzzer!

If a student in another year hits it, everyone in that year is out...

In each grade's class 1, there is a buzzer.

Now here's the good news, so listen up!

...GOOD-IES!

CUTE LI'L ME HAS...

Anyone who behaves dangerously is out. Keep the fighting to gunfire!

DELICIOUS DUMMM

*Komi got one. See volume 10, communication 137.

TAN
DENSETSU TICKET
PRODUCER: KOMIKOSANA
FISH: 1320.00 USJ
LOCATION: SHOP
100 DENSETSU TICKET TO CHIKEN CUTLET SANDWICH

...

THE LEGEND!!

EACH WINNING STUDENT WILL RECEIVE A TICKET FOR THE LEGENDARY CHICKEN CUTLET SANDWICH!!

DRUMMM ROLL

...IS NOTHING LESS THAN...

Wow, her desktop is cluttered...

TAK TAK

AND THE PRIZE FOR THE BATTLE'S MVP...

TA DU MMM

*Komi got one. See volume 22, communication 296.

SETOKA WILL DO ANY THING I SAY TICKET

WHO NEEDS THAT?!

HOW GENEROUS OF ME!

...A "PROXY CHAIRMAN SETOKA WILL DO ANYTHING I SAY" TICKET!!!

THEY SEEM EAGER!

Suteno

ANYTHING WE SAY, HUH...?

HUH? YES?!

PROXY CHAIRMAN.

ENOUGH

WHERE DID YOU GET MONEY FOR THIS?

...

I DEMAND AN EXPLANATION TO THE PTA AND THE ENTIRE STUDENT BODY.

I HOPE IT WASN'T FROM SCHOOL FUNDS.

LET THE BATTLE BEGIN !!

...

And three months advance pay as proxy chairman...

I SAVED IT FROM PART-TIME JOBS...

Communication 330: Battle Royale, Part 1

Goggles
For preventing hits to the eyes. Mandatory.
Enough Gun
With fat, soft bullets. Used to be popular.
ENOUGH
Kneepads
For rough-and-tumble situations. Voluntary.
Konii Can't Communicate
Scarf
Each class has a different color. Removal signifies that student is no longer a combatant, even if the student removes it themselves. So be careful!
3-1
Class 3-1

ENOUGH

ENOUGH

We shall secure the legendary tickets!!

You don't seem stoked!!

...

BLUSH

...

WOO-HOO!

Y-YEAH...

...

...

...

...

...

SILENCE

STMP

STMP

I'll have to set a good example.

LIKE THIS!!

SPINNN

PTAMTAM!

WHOA!

PTATATOM

PTOOM

AGH!

Mis-fire

ENOUGH

KLAK

OOPS!

SLIP

ENOUGH

GAH!

PTOINK

?!

Najimi's out.

Class 3-4

W...

...

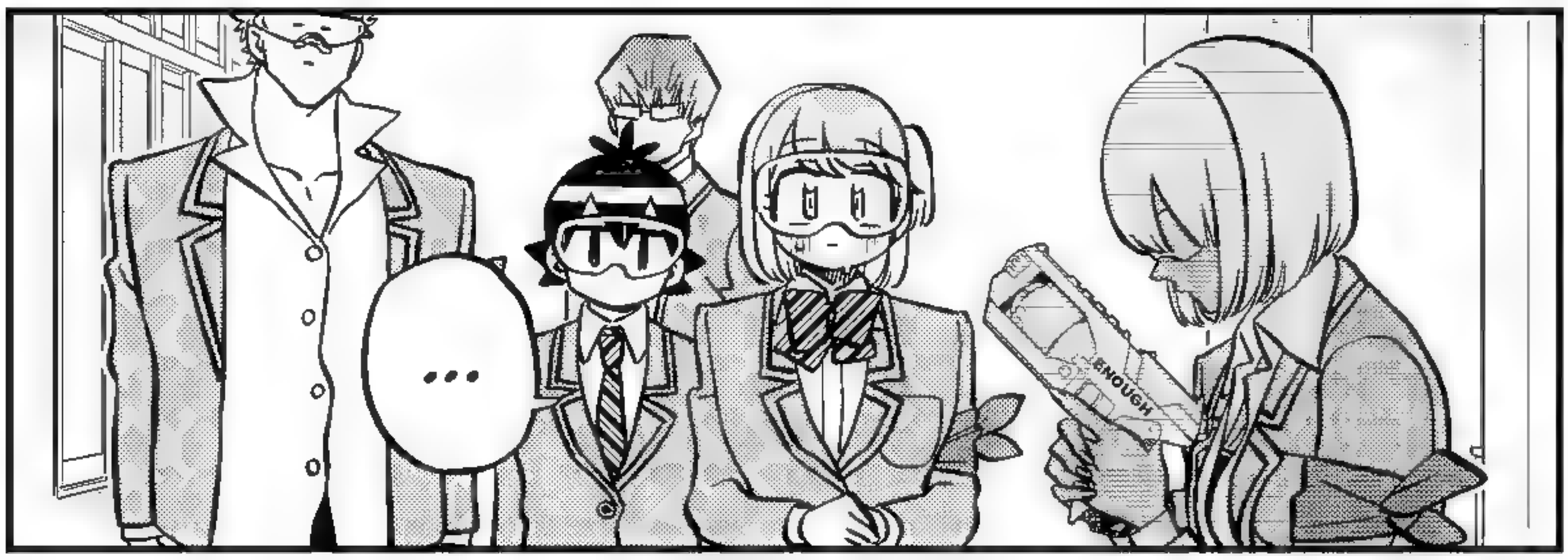
...HAPPEN-ING?

TRMBL

TRMBL

TRMBL

WHY IS THIS...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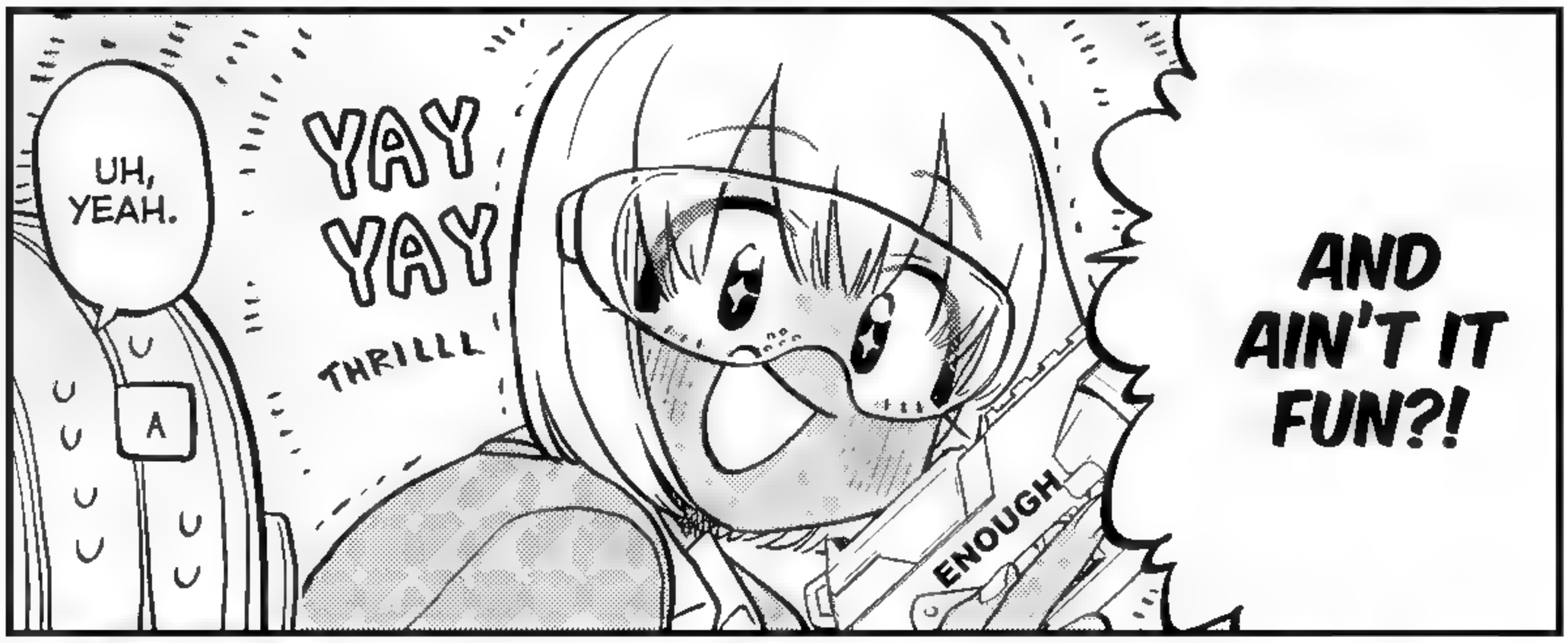
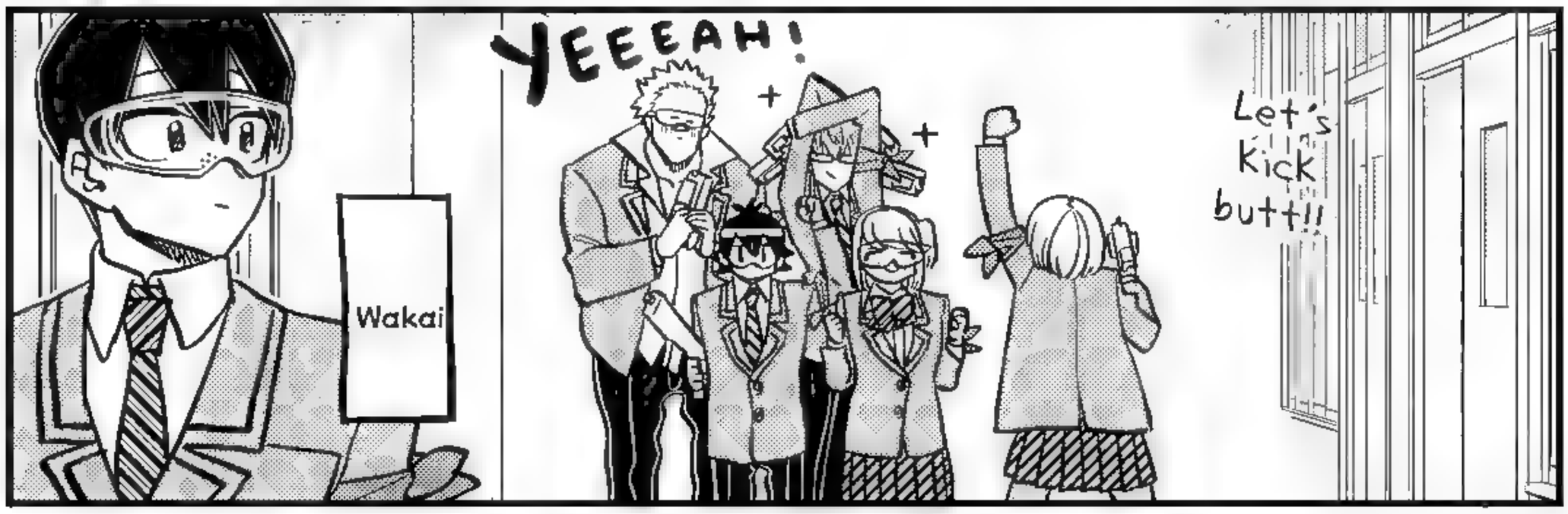

UH, YEAH.
A
YAY YAY
THRILLL
ENOUGH
AND AIN'T IT FUN?!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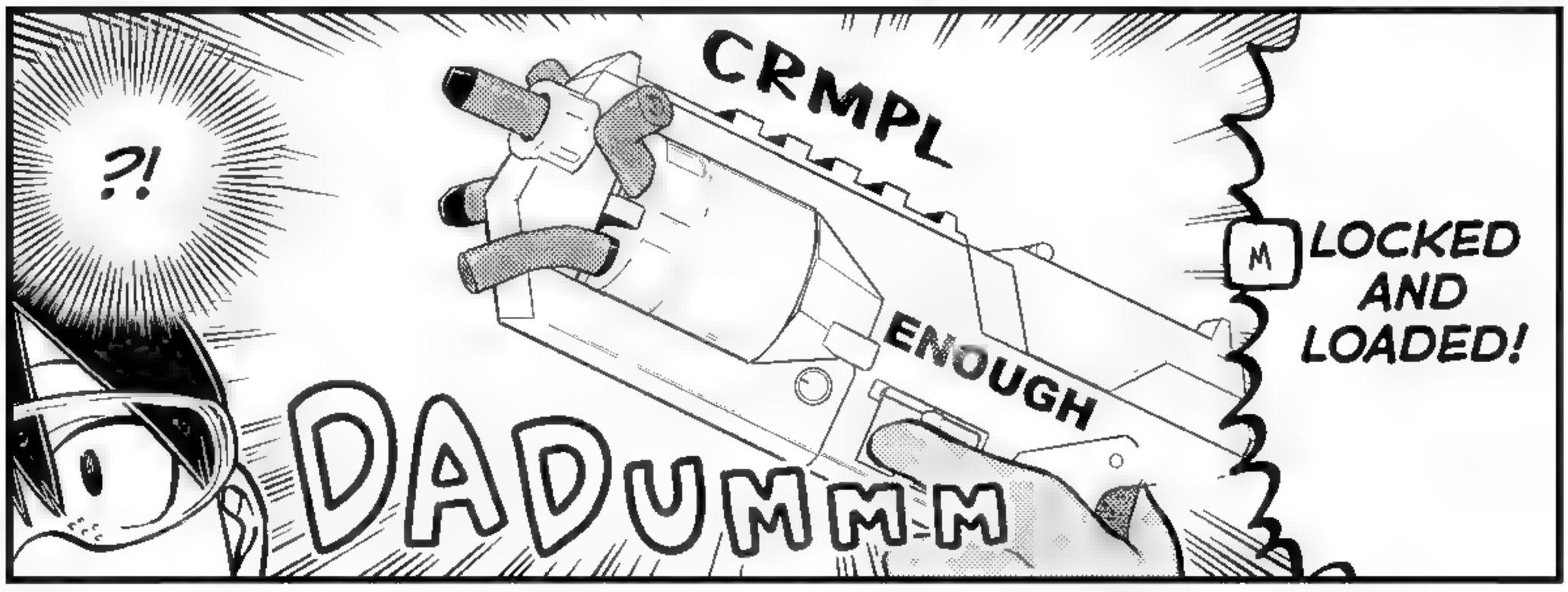
YEEEAH!
Let's kick butt!!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CRMPL
ENOUGH
M
LOCKED AND LOADED!
DADUMMMM

HASN'T ANYONE ELSE NOTICED?!

I GOTTA TELL HER!

CRUMPL

TH-THAT ISN'T QUITE RIGHT...

UM...

UM...

...

Wakai can't talk to girls.

BLUSH

He's prejud-iced.

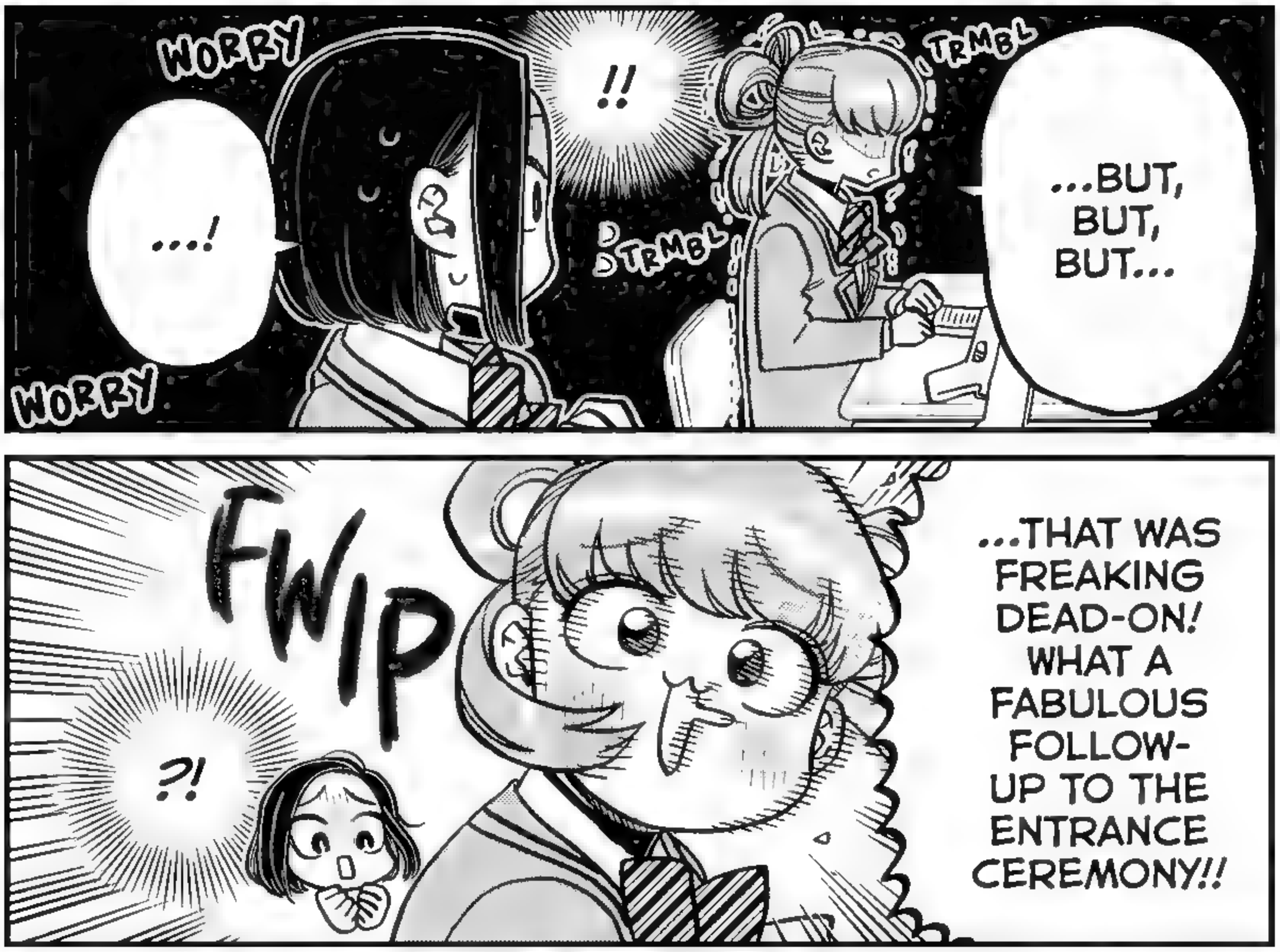
I CAN'T DO IT!

AFTER ALL, SHE'S A GYARU!

1-5

Class 1-5

...
YAY
YAY
CHATTER
CHATTER
...
YAY
YAY
YEAH, TOTALLY!
WHAT A WAY TO START, HUH?
YAY
YEAH, HERE'S TO A GOOD YEAR!
HELLO. NICE TO MEET YOU.
WILT
...
...!
...A GOOD SCHOOL, BUT...
TRMBL
I HEARD THIS WAS...


WORRY
...!
WORRY
!!
TRMBL
TRMBL
...BUT, BUT, BUT...
FWIP
?!
...THAT WAS FREAKING DEAD-ON! WHAT A FABULOUS FOLLOW-UP TO THE ENTRANCE CEREMONY!!
...!!
SMALL
I'M SUSUMI SHUJO. NICE TO MEET YA!
GRIN
!

...YEAH...

...UM...

UH...

Legendary ... bread?!

*Note: Year 1 is friendly.

KOMOREBI...

AH HA HA!

...HIKI.

GWOOOOOOOO

?!

Year 2

*Note: Year 2 is blood-thirsty.

?!

WE SHALL CONQUER.

GLMP GLMP

DEFEND KOMI!!

Year 3

?!

GRAH!!

GLMP

Komi Secret Service

HOLY WARRRR!

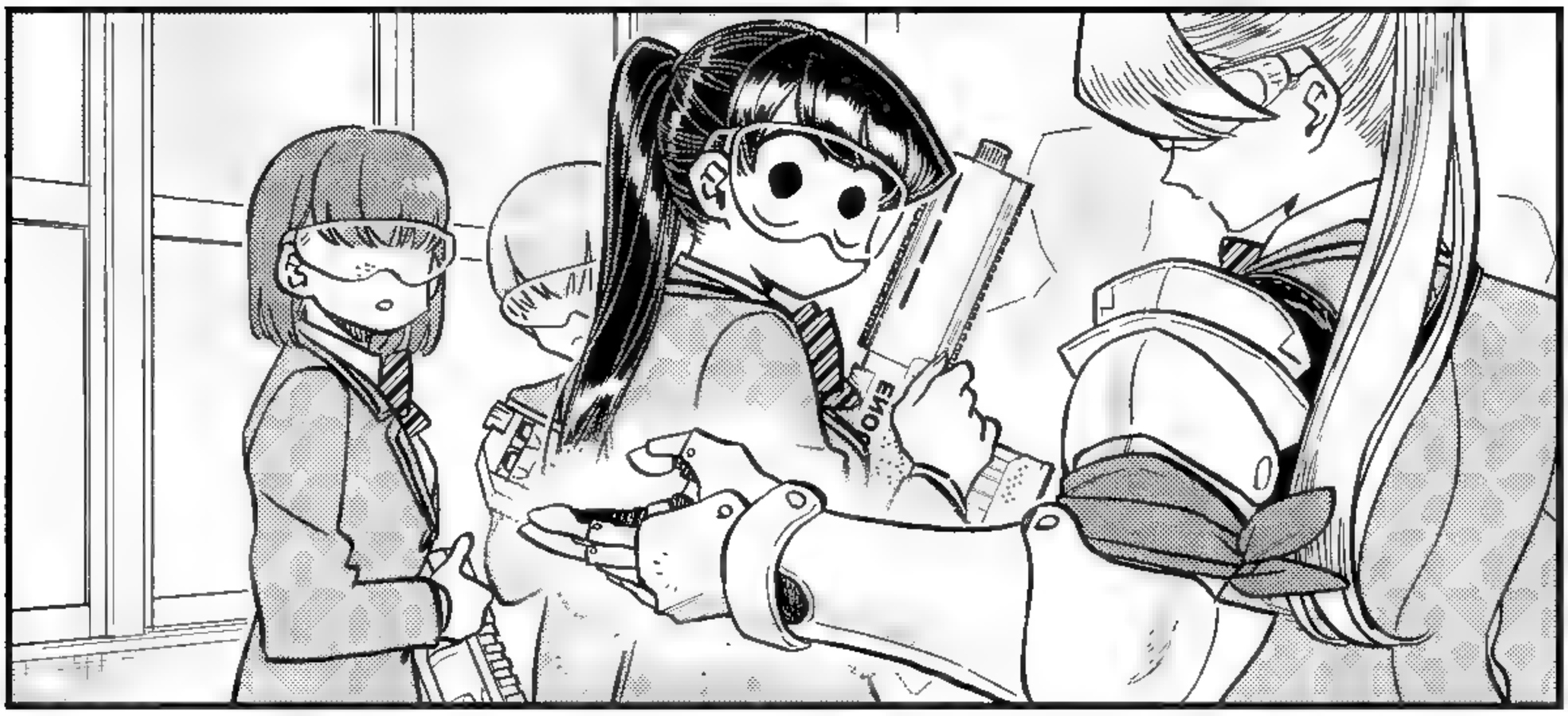
Komi's around here

We're supposed to defend the buzzer...

GRAAAAAAAH

PTA

BOO!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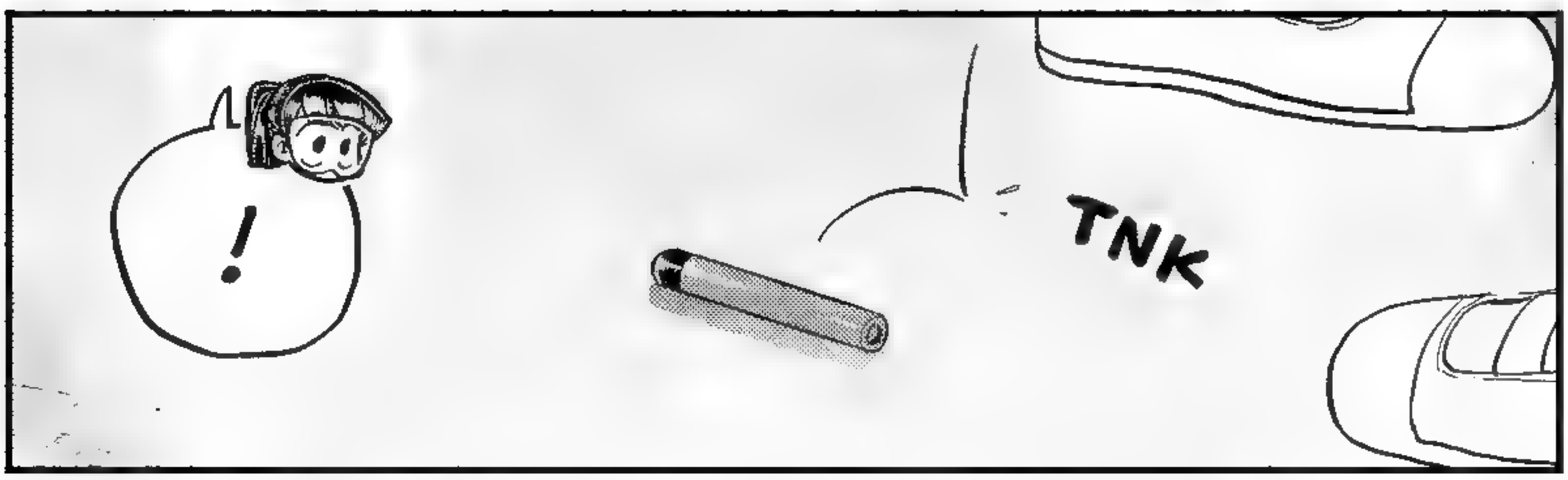
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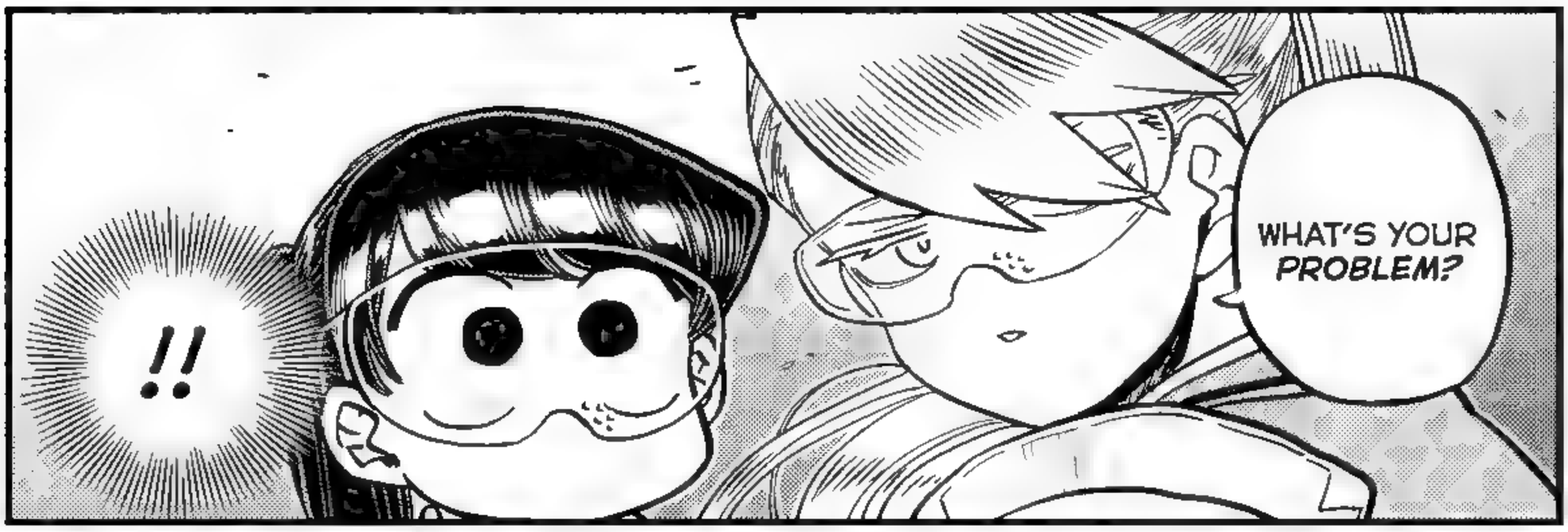
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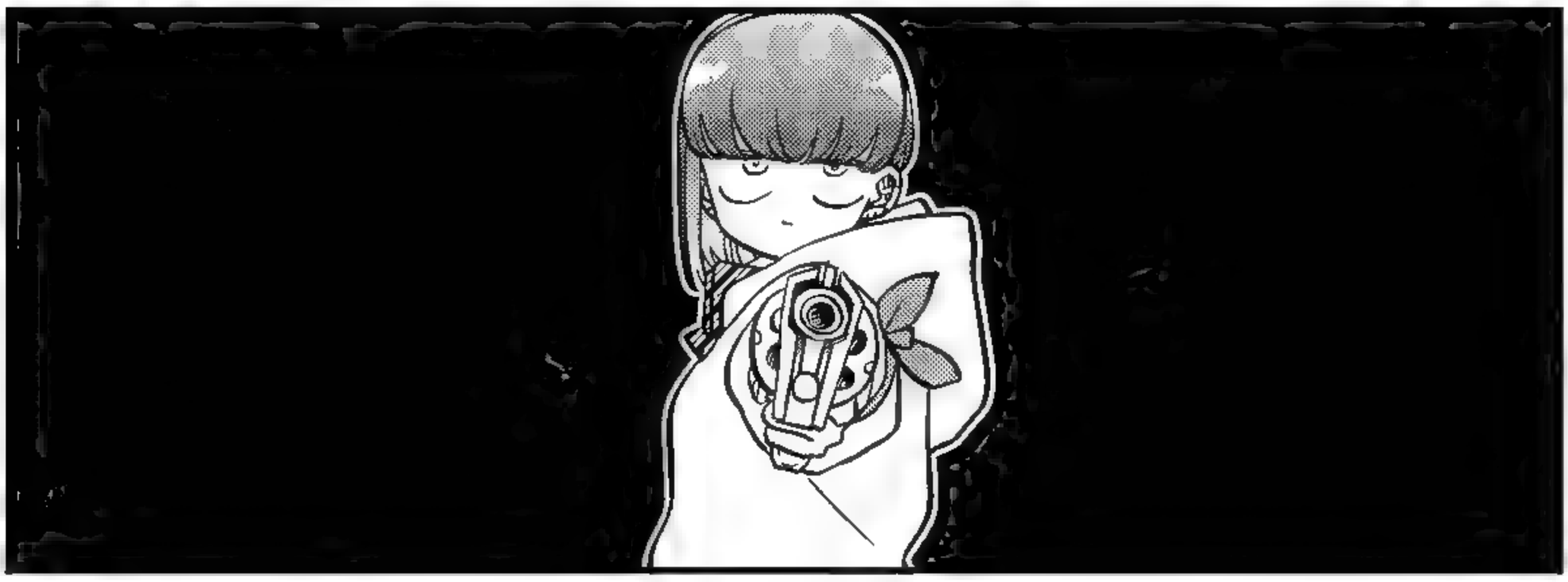

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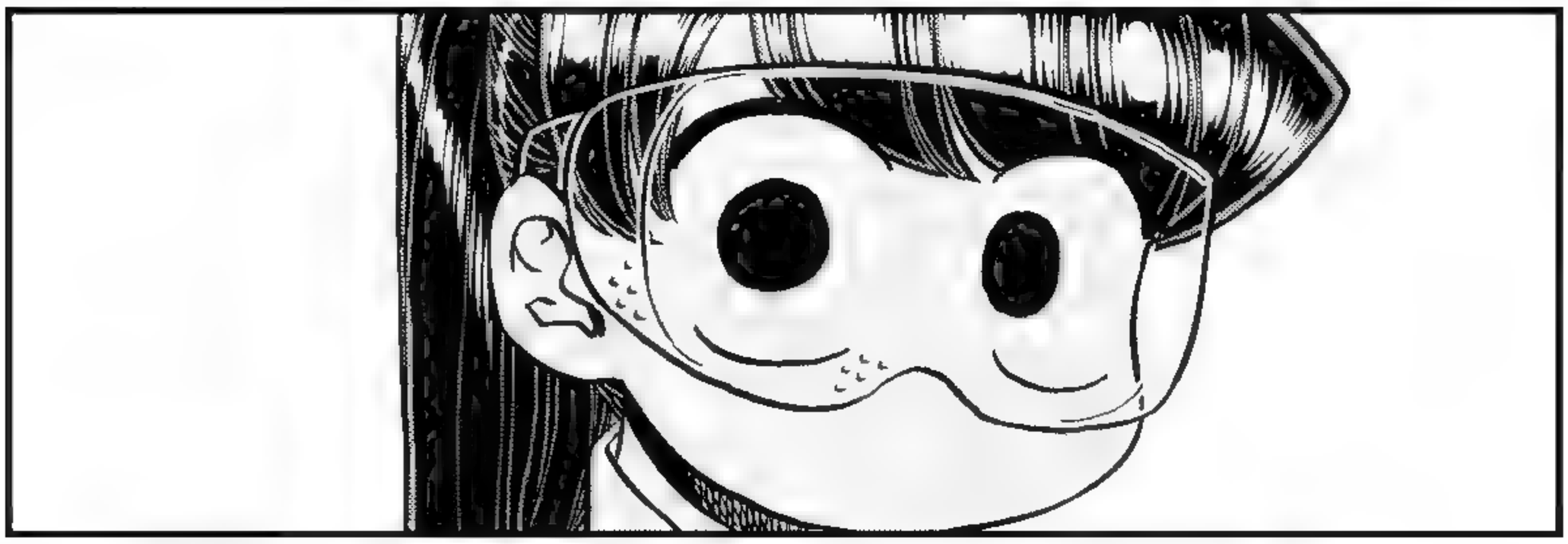

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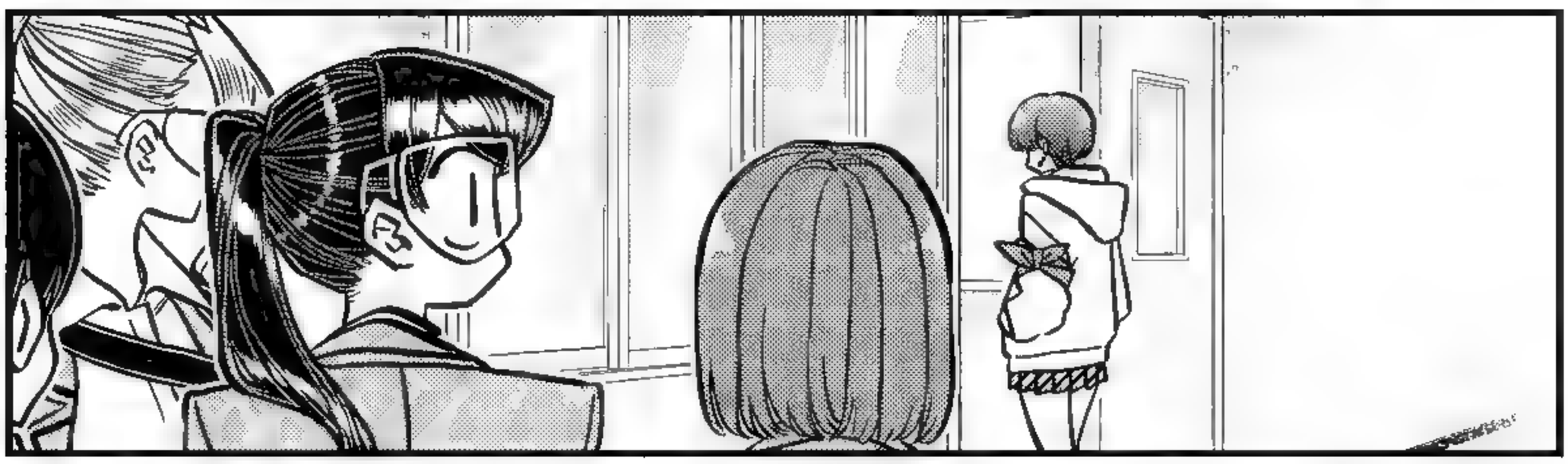

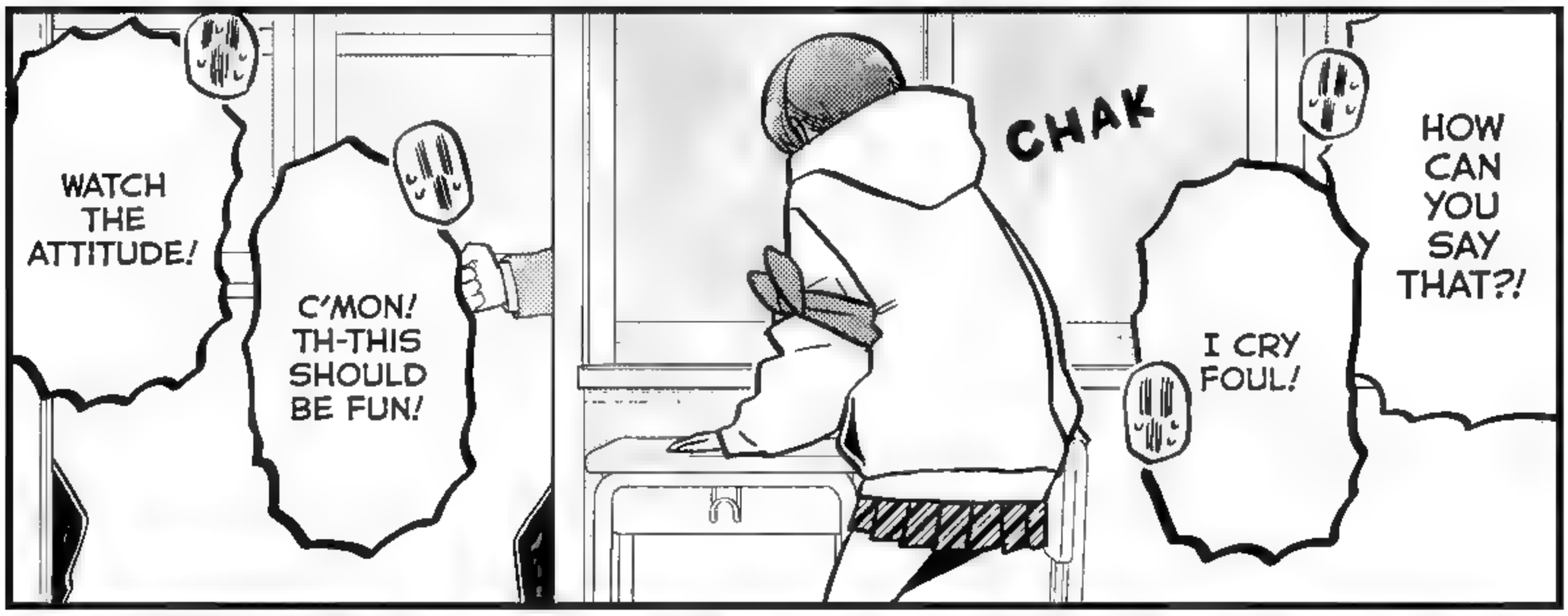

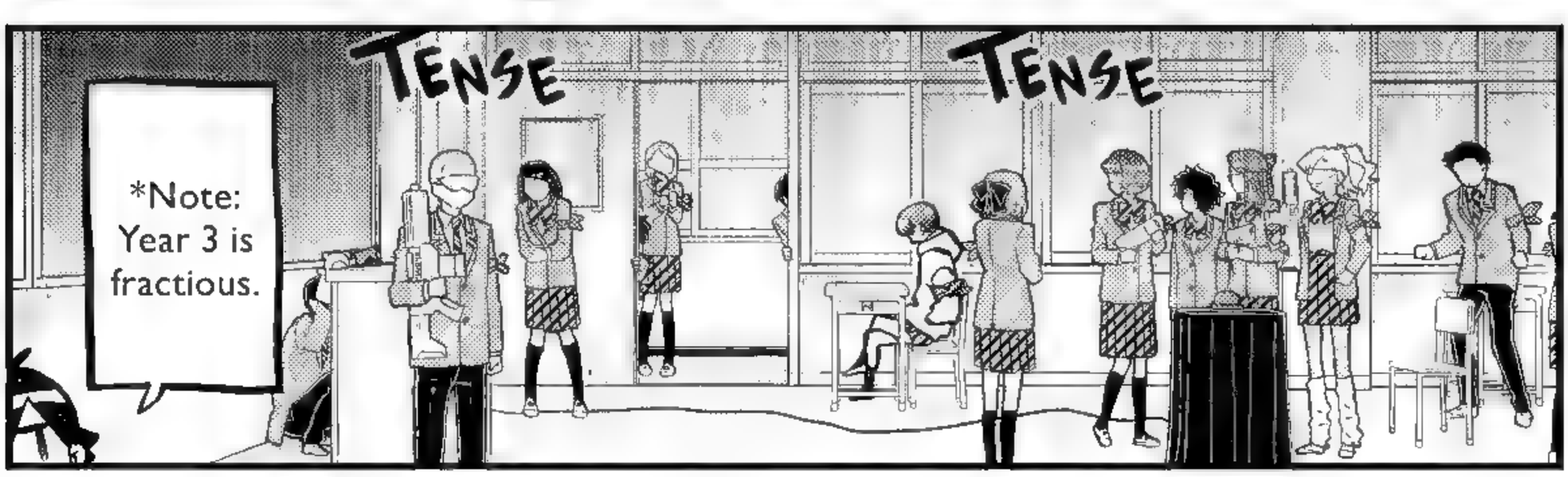

Komi Can't Communicate

...

ENOUGH

Ga-ga.

(PROXY CHAIRMAN SETOKA INITIATES A BATTLE royale. NAJIMI IMMEDIATELY SELF-DESTRUCTS. SHIINA MALICIOUSLY TRIES TO SHOOT KOMI. OH DEAR... WHATEVER WILL HAPPEN?)

?!

PTSHK

NOW LET THE KILLING BEGIN.

Goo-goo.

(THE STORY SO FAR...)

Hafuru Ogiya

Got hit shielding Komi

!

SNUF

...!

WORRY

WORRY

...

They've been together since year 1 but have rarely spoken

...

...

...TH-THANK YOU...

...VERY...

...MUCH.

UM...

NOD

!

BOWBOW

Happy she got a response

?!

KASLAMM

SLIP

She's crying!!

UM... ARE Y-YOU ALL RIGHT ?!

"I'm not worthy!"

GUSHHH

Komi's thanks knocked her off her feet.

IT'S QUIET.

Com-mander Kato

...BUT IT'S SILENT AROUND YEAR 3.

THE BATTLE ROYALE HAS BEGUN...

THANK YOU.

A FEW SECOND-YEARS ARE NEAR THE STAIRS, BUT THAT'S ALL.

NO, NOT ON MERE CONJECTURE.

IN A THREE-WAY FIGHT, WAITING IS THE BEST STRATEGY.

SPIES? MAYBE THE REST ARE FIGHTING YEAR 1.

SHOULD WE ATTACK?

RAAAAH

THIS IS ABOUT DEFENDING OUR BUZZER. INSTEAD OF DIVIDING OUR FORCES INTO OFFENSE AND DEFENSE, WE HUNKER DOWN.

Year 1 class-room

1-1

BUT WHAT IF THE OTHER GRADES TEAM UP?

YEAR 1 HAS FALLEN.

?!

YOU HEAR THAT, HAJIME?

THE SECOND-YEARS OVERWHELMED US. THAT SUTENO GUY...

WHAT A DRAMATIZA-TION!

Aori Umai

HE BLEW THROUGH OUR DEFENSES, A HARSH GLARE IN HIS EYE AND A BUZZER IN HAND, AND I SAID, "AH, WE WERE CARELESS."

WE ALL REALIZED THAT OUR COMRADES IN ARMS HAD TAKEN BULLETS BEFORE WE EVEN KNEW HE WAS THERE.

ULP...

WHAT'RE YOU YAKKIN' ABOUT?!

HOW KIND OF HIM!

YOU GOTTA USE THE CAN?! WELL THEN, I'LL LEAD THE WAY!

SO DON'T HOLD BACK!!

!

YOU FIRST-YEARS...

...SO YOU DON'T KNOW THE ROPES.

...ARE ALL NEW TO THIS SCHOOL...

?!

BUT THAT'S ALL RIGHT.

IS HE COOL?! OR NOT?!

IF YOU DON'T KNOW YOUR LEFT FROM RIGHT, JUST FOLLOW MY LEAD!

!

UNDO THEIR BONDS.

First-years

HE CALLS HIM "GORO-RO"?

BUT, GORO-RO! WHAT IF THEY RUSH US?!

BUT...

WE HAVE THEIR BUZZER COVERED...

...SO THEY'RE HELPLESS.

IS HE COOL?! OR NOT?!

...GO ON AND SHOOT. *IF YOU'VE GOT THE GUTS.*

Goro-ro ♥...

THE GAME GOES ON!

LET'S GET CRAZY!

RAA

SOUNDS FUN!

AAH

OH WELL!

Y-YEAAAH!!

YAAY

...SO NOW LET'S CRUSH YEAR 3.

HEH HEH HEH

ENOUGH

THE PIECES ARE IN PLACE ...

HUH? HOW *CREEPY.* ♥

WE'LL SNEAK UP ON 'EM SO—

AUGH
Bandage
Bandana
Draped over shoulders
NO!
Going through a phase?
ARE YOU TWO SIBLINGS?
KSHAK

OW!
PTOINK
...DID I MISS?
OH DEAR...
I'M SIMPLY NO GOOD AT CHILDISH GAMES! ♥
UNH?

3 - 1
Class 3-1
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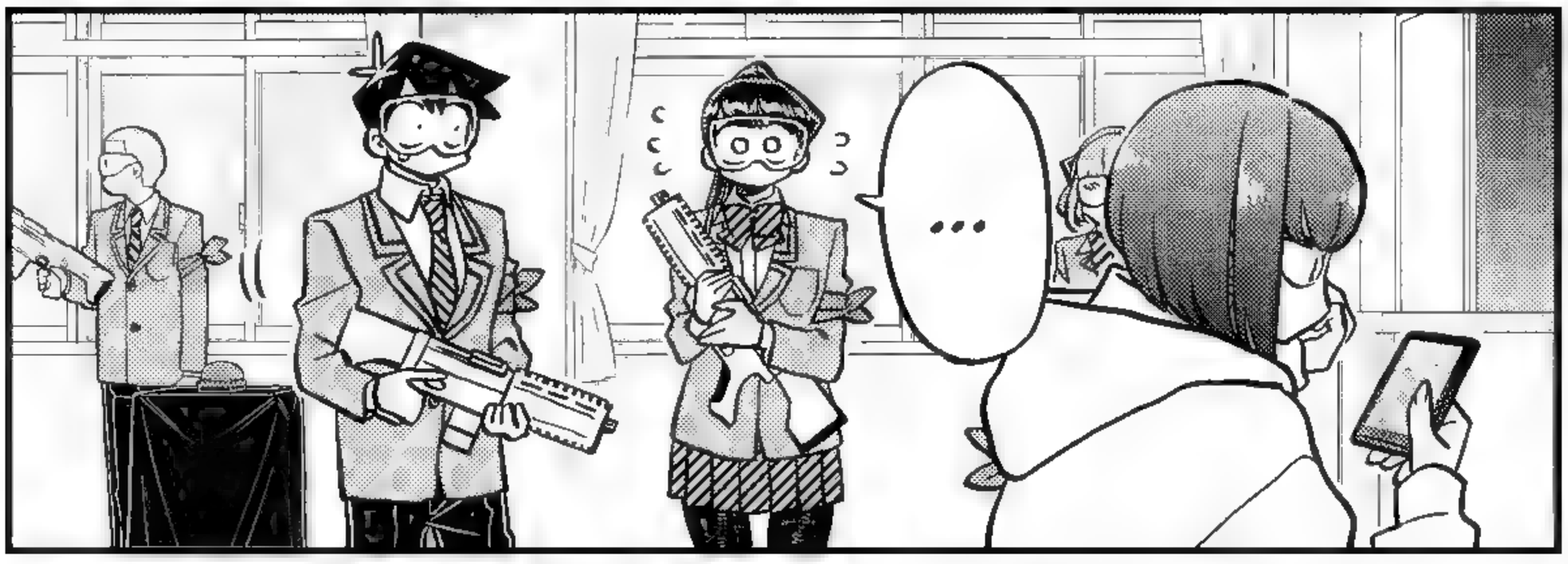
...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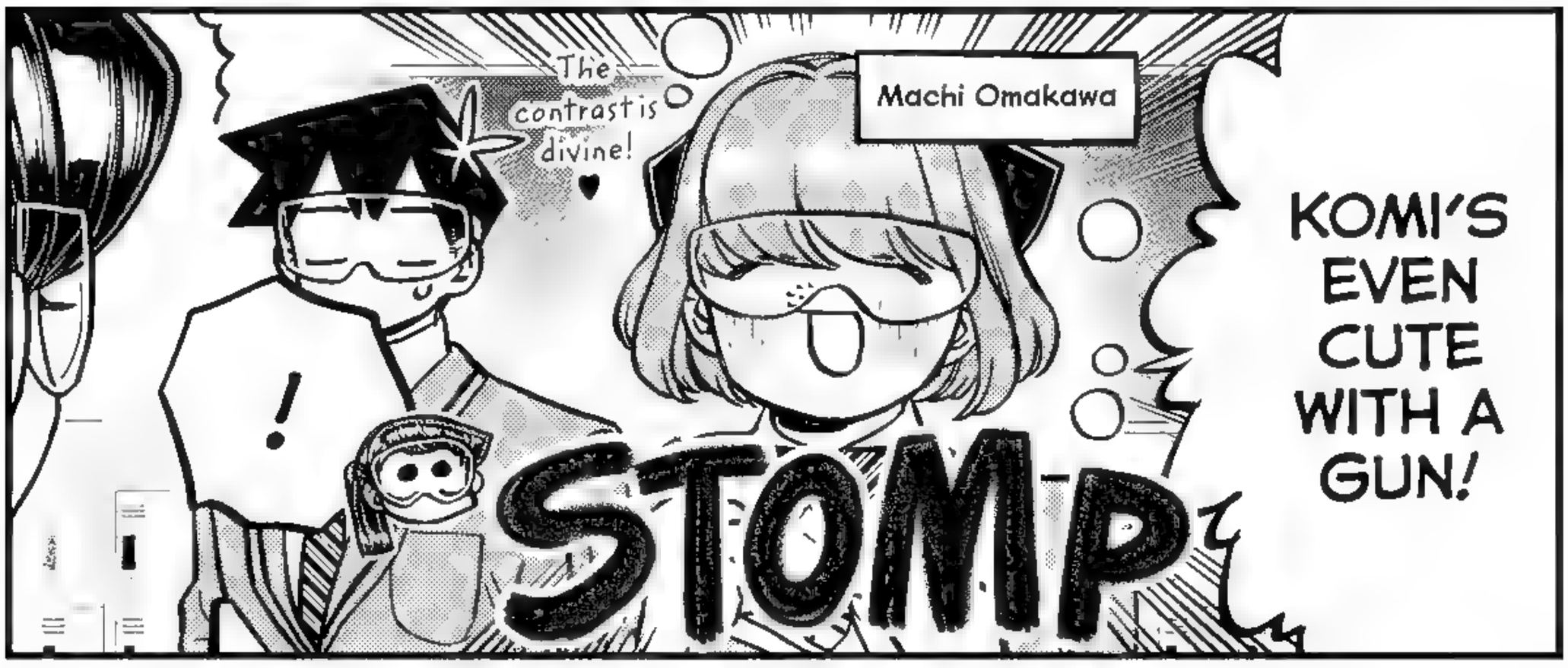
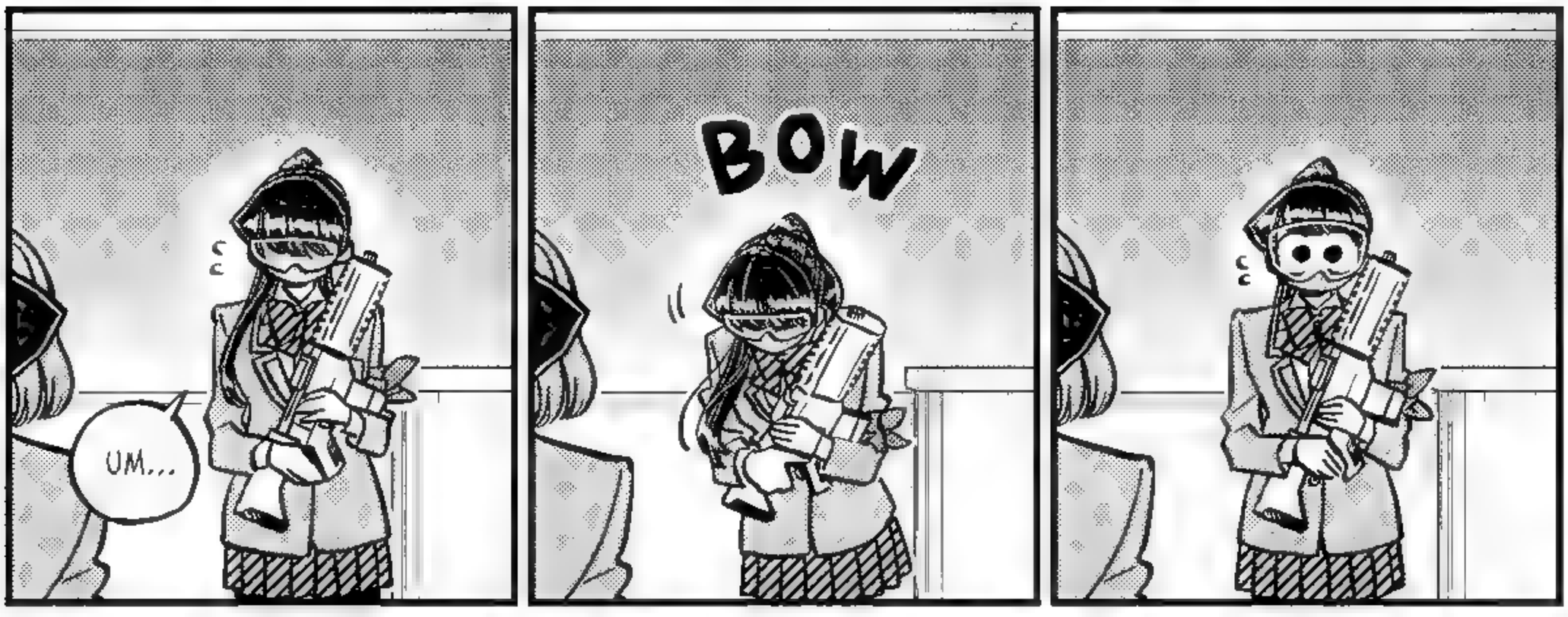

The contrast is divine!
Machi Omakawa
KOMI'S EVEN CUTE WITH A GUN!
STOMP

Cute with a gun! ♥
!
?!
DITTO.
DITTO.
I AGREE.
Komi Secret Service


UM...
BOW

MOOAN
...Y-YOU'RE CUTE TOO.
...I THINK...

GW
?!
UH

Winter, year 3 of middle school

Machi Oma-kawa

Omakawa, year 3 of middle school

*No relation to that other movie.

"To be cute is the ultimate weapon."

...!"

While watching Studio Ghubli's *Panyo* on a Friday night...

...she had an awaken-ing.

HUH?

BABMP

THIS PEN IS CUTE!

YOU'RE CUTE TOO!

*Look it up.

Via the norm of reci-proc-ity!

NA HA HA

...but such situations never arise.

AH HA HA!

She wants someone to tell her she's cute...

*No friends.

...for that all-important compliment!!

So she's been waiting...

*Insert your own snark.

E.g., "That's Kinda sad!"

Compliments received since the *Panyo epiphany*: 0

...

UHH, THANKS.

AND YOUR HAIR'S CUTE!

OKAY, NEXT...

...

AND YOUR HANDS'RE CUTE!

...why she's just standing there.

...and no one under-...stands...

But her own compliments are awkward and poorly timed...

But then Komi compli-mented her.

BA-BLUB-BER-RRR

GUSHHH

?!

A deluge of tears was inevitable.

?!

...SO MUCH!

SNIFF

SNIFF

KOMI... SOB... I LIKE YOU...

SOB SOB SOB!

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Komi Can't Communicate

Communication 332: Shiina

?!

I LEAVE THE REST... TO YOU.

SHUMP

?!

Kato's out.

SNNP

TMP TMP TMP

ARE YOU OUR COMMANDER?

HUH? WHO?

NOW IS THE TIME FOR STRENGTH, KOMI SECRET SERVICE!

WHATEVER! FORWARD!

Machi Omakawa

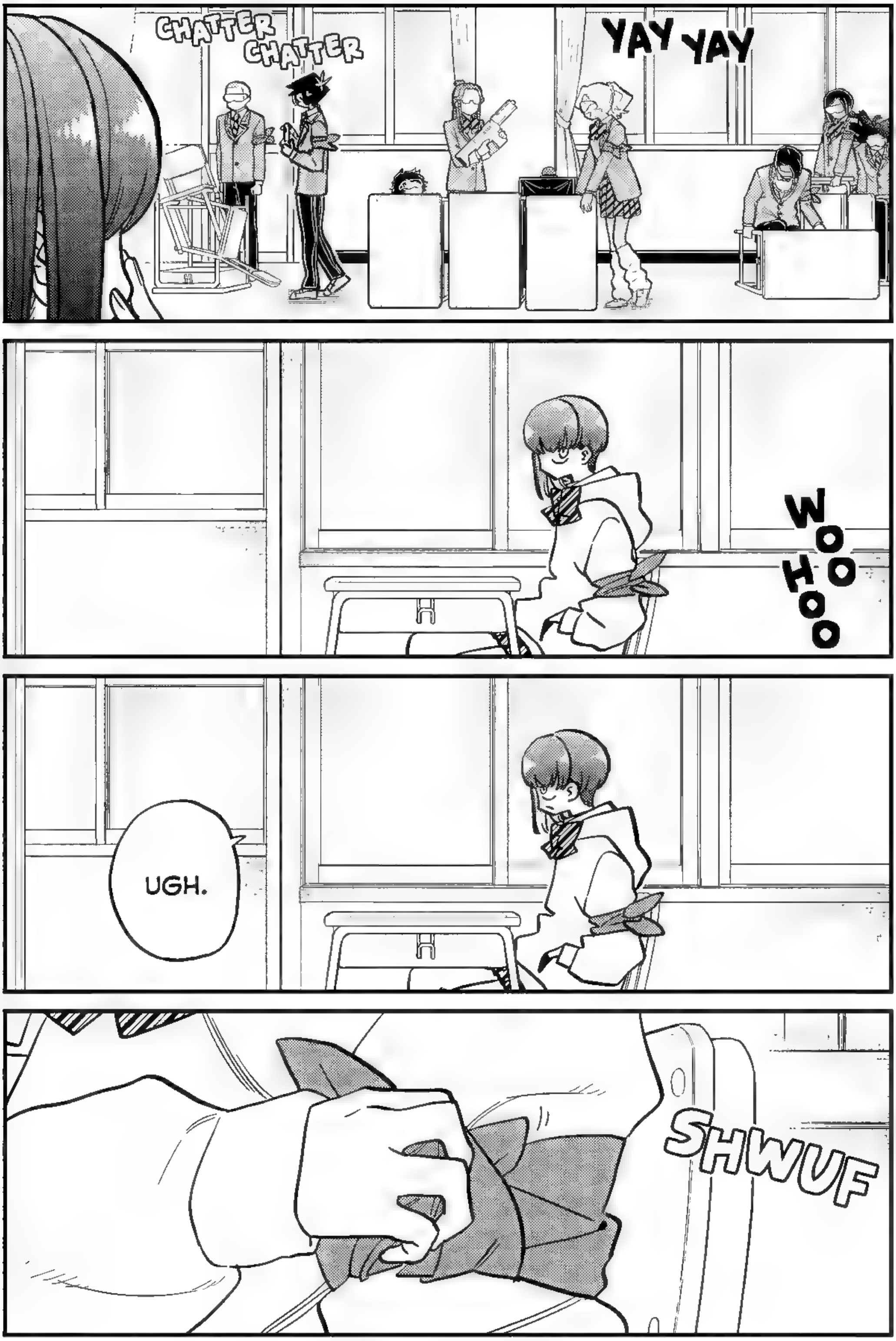
UH, YEAH!

TROMMMP

WE SHOULD ERECT A BARRICADE.

GRAAAH

ATTAAACK!!


CHATTER CHATTER
YAY YAY
WOO HOO
UGH.
SHWUF

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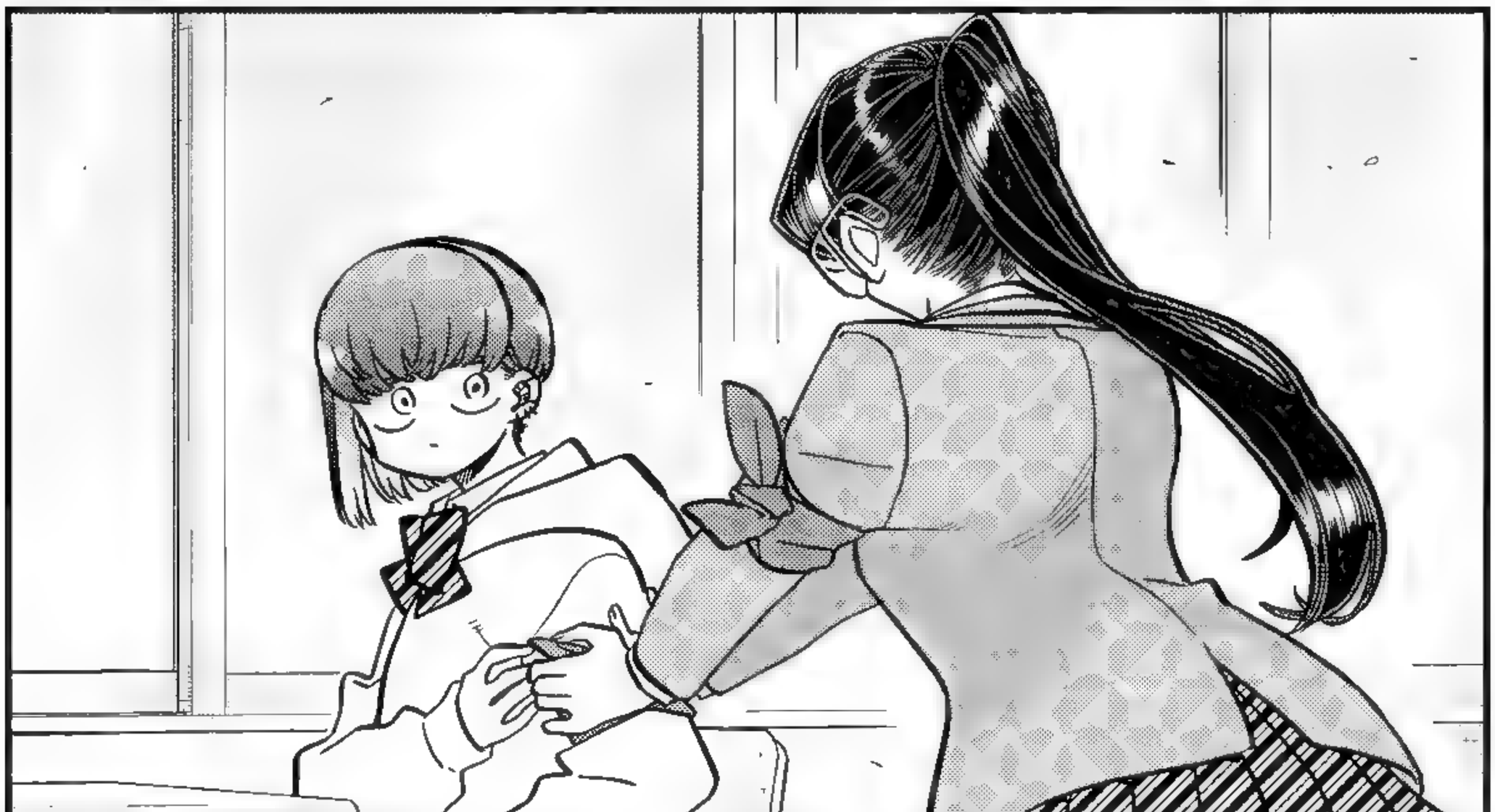

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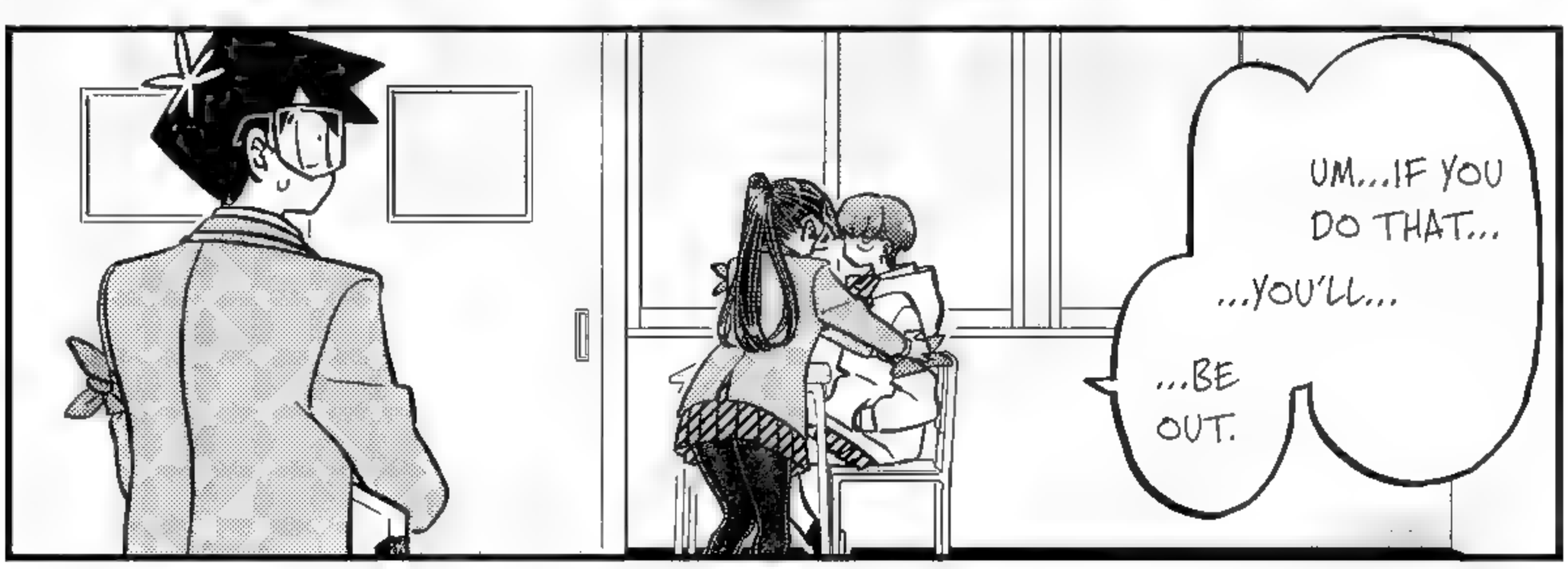
WHAH?
LET GO!


UM...IF YOU
DO THAT...
...YOU'LL...
...BE
OUT.

...!
I KNOW.
SO WHAT?
...YOUR...
...HELP.
W-WE NEED...
YOU'RE CREEPY, KOMI.
SIGH...
...

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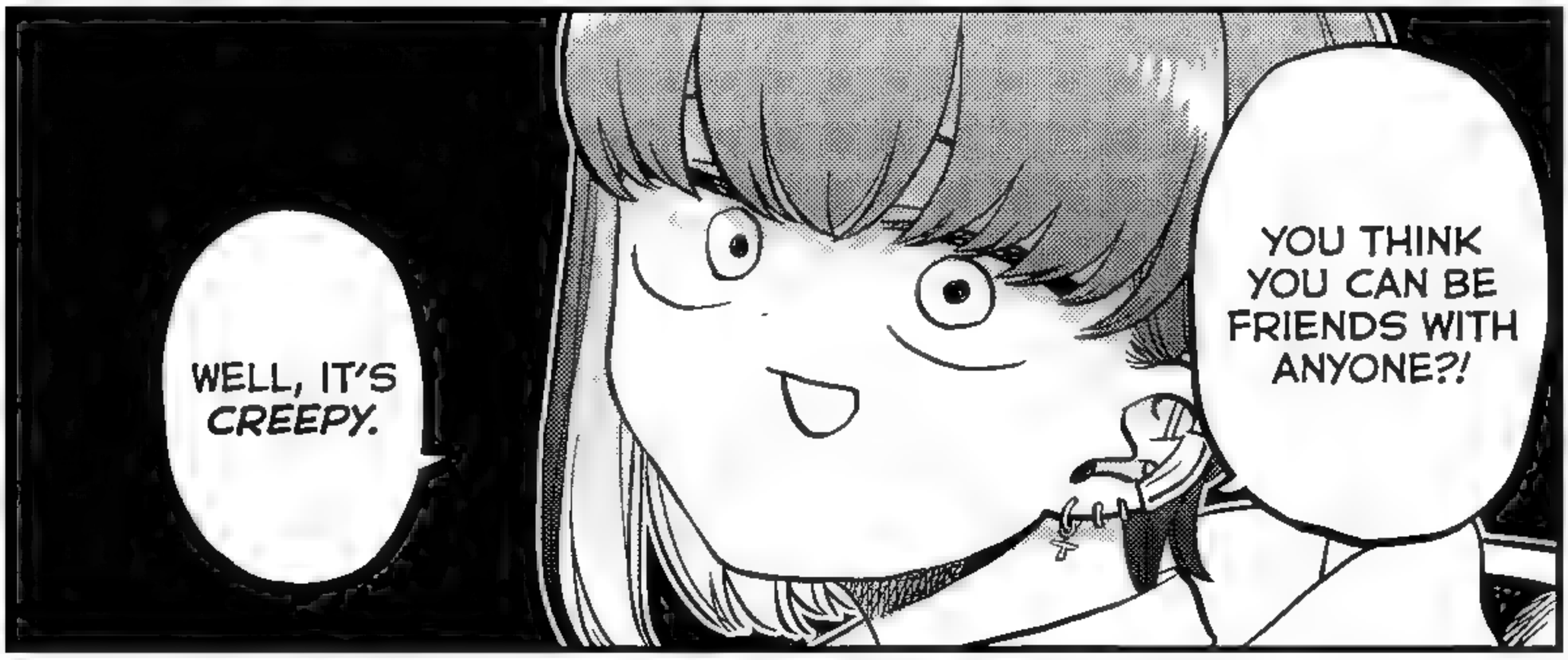

WELL, IT'S CREEPY.
YOU THINK YOU CAN BE FRIENDS WITH ANYONE?!

UM...
AND THAT'S CREEPY. AH HA HA!
SHOKO
Recruiting Friends
YOU DON'T CARE WHO. YOU JUST WANT 100. AND YOU EVEN HAVE A SIGN.

...!
I'M TALKING TO HER.
SHUT UP, SIMP.

GU'SHHH

TALK ABOUT *DISGUSTING!*

ARE YOU TWO FRIENDS?

WHAT'S WITH THE WATERWORKS, OMAKAWA?

...

HUH? GOT NOTHING TO SAY?

...

...FRIENDS WITH JUST ANYONE.

I DON'T THINK I CAN BE...

WELL, IT'S NOT IMP—

I DON'T WANT TO BE FRIENDS WITH THEM IF THEY DON'T WANT TO.

PEOPLE DON'T HAVE TO LIKE ME.

...I DO WANT MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING.

BUT...

GOT IT. SO LET GO.

OH...

...YOU DO, HUH?

BECAUSE TRYING IS EXHAUST-ING.

WHY ARE YOU SO CYNICAL?

UH, YEAH.

IS THAT ALL?

FALLING IN LINE MAKES MY SKIN CRAWL.

WELL, I DON'T DO GROUPS.

DO YOU NEED EVERYONE'S PARTICIP-ATION?

...I UNDER-STAND NOW.

OKAY...

GO AHEAD.

I'M NOT ANGRY.

WHAT FOR?
HUH? ARE YOU ANGRY?

NO, I'M NOT ANGRY.

USUALLY, YOU'RE MORE TIMID.
NAH, YOU MUST BE.

ACTUALLY, MAYBE SHE IS!!

GRNCH

I'M REALLY NOT.

I...

I'M JUST **SAD.**

DON'T. IT'D MAKE ME LOOK BAD.

YOU THINK *CRYING* WILL SOLVE THIS?

HM

I'M NOT CRYING.

PH

YEP. SHE'S ANGRY!

Talk-ing fast

...OR ANY-THING TO BE ANGRY OR SAD ABOUT.

WE'RE JUST DIFFERENT, WHICH ISN'T GOOD OR BAD...

BUT...

...YOUR POSITION.

...I CAN RESPECT...

FWIP

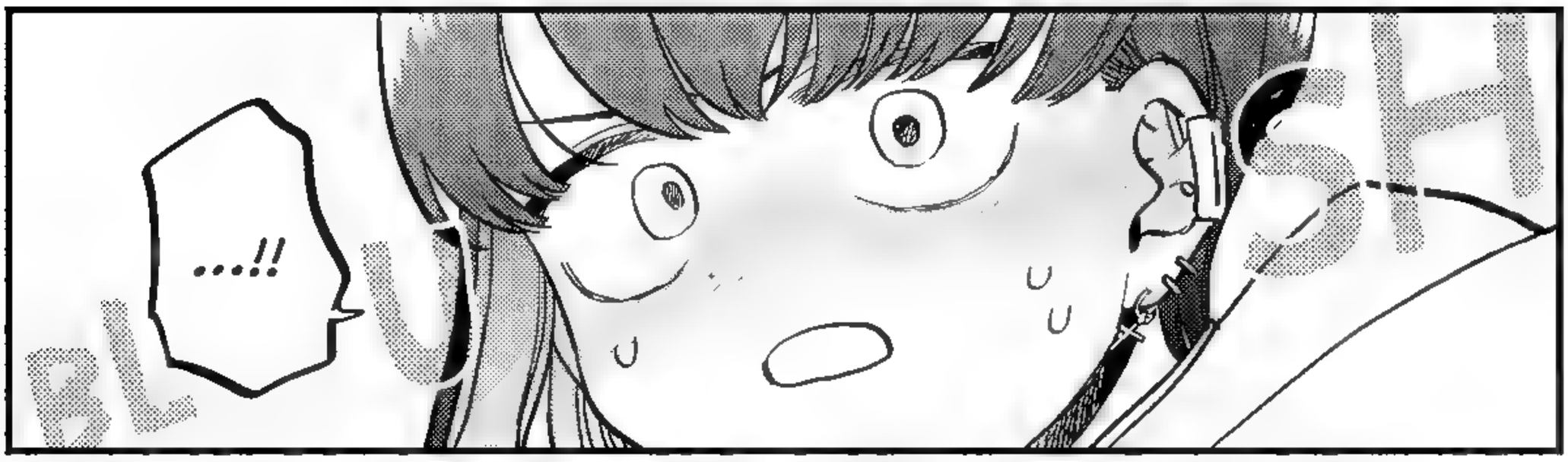
HMPH!

PWA AH

HUH?!

KOMI WINS! ♪

HUNH ?!
THEN WHY FLIP OUT? YOU LOSE.
THIS WASN'T ABOUT WINNING!!
...AND I GET THAT, BUT...
YOU THINK JOINING EVERYONE IS UNCOOL AND CREEPY...
...WORRYING ABOUT THAT IS THE UNCOOLEST THING EVER.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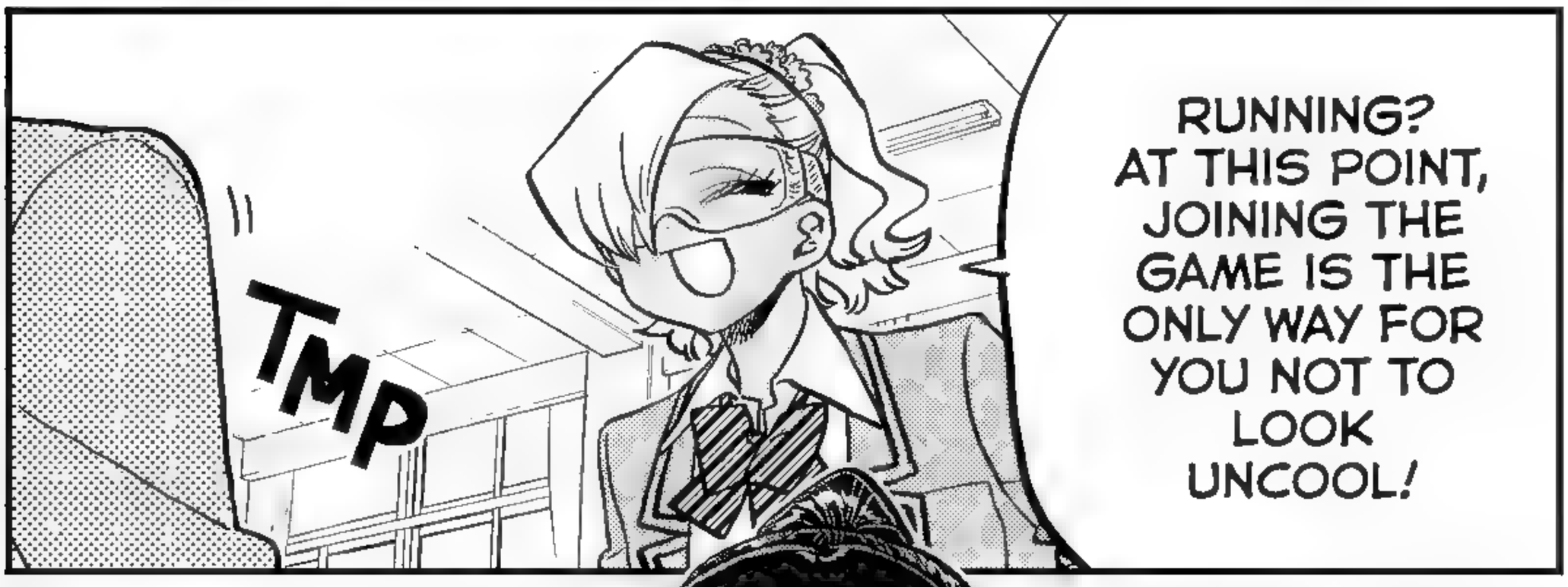
I'M OUTTA HERE!
BMP
HUH?! WHATEVER!!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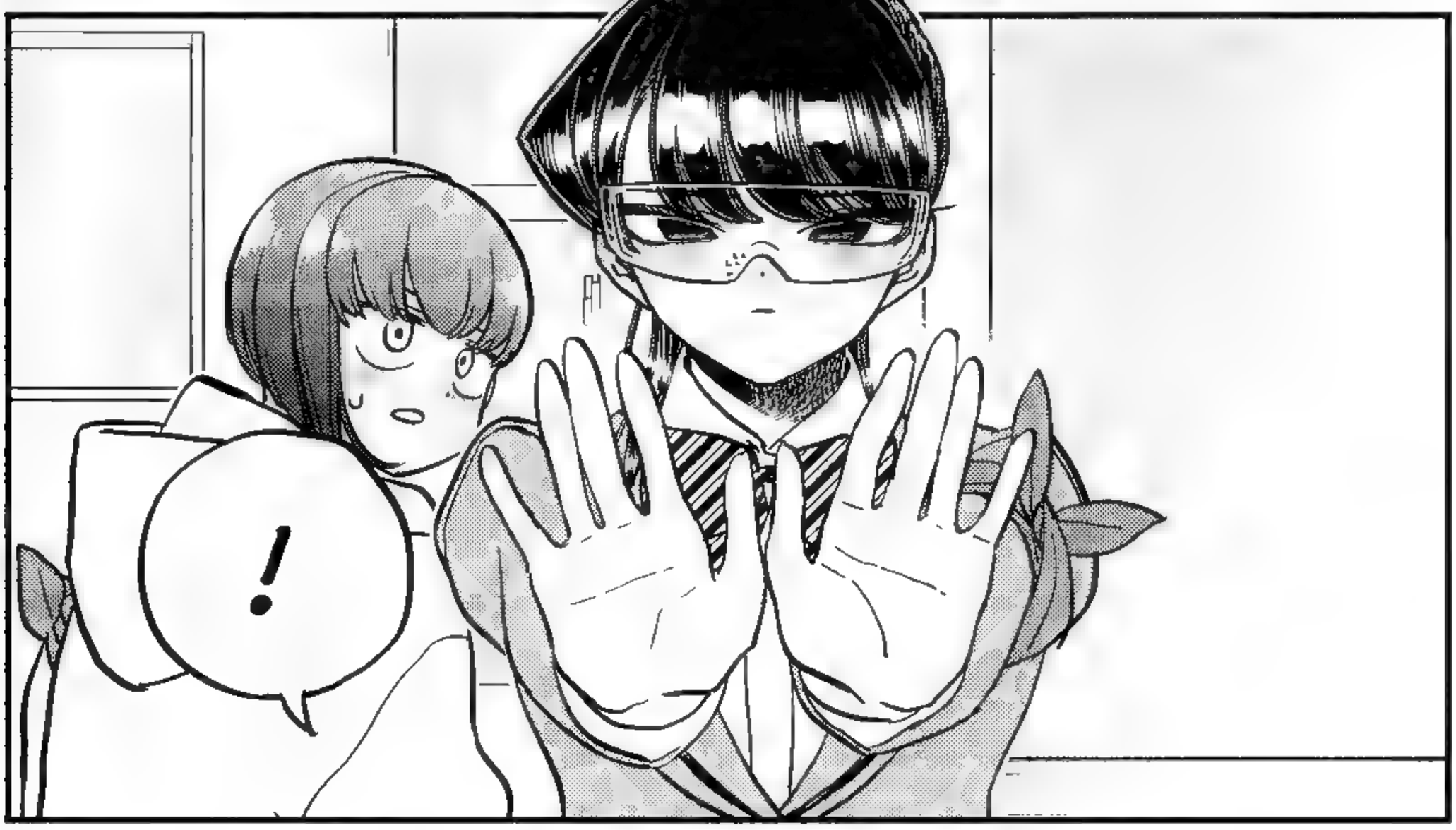
TMP
RUNNING? AT THIS POINT, JOINING THE GAME IS THE ONLY WAY FOR YOU NOT TO LOOK UNCOOL!


!

SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE

Y

?!

SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE

I WENT TOO FAR.

SHAKE

UH, SORRY.

...

I'LL CONTROL MY TRASH TALK!!

WOBL WOBL

MY BAD, SHIINA!

FWIP

...

I JUST WANT YOU TO HAVE FUN TOO.

ANYWAY, I'M SORRY.

THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT—

YEAH, I'LL SHUT UP NOW!

STAY OR GO, EITHER WAY YOU LOSE! IT'S A CATCH-22!

ARRRGH! YOU'RE ALL SO ANNOYING!

AND CREEPY!

JUST GO PLAY! *HOW ANNOYING!*

FOMP

WHAT'S WITH ALL OF YOU?!

STOP STARING AT ME!

I SAID STOP IT!

The attackers kept their distance.

CAN WE GO IN NOW?

IT'S ANNOY-ING!

IRRIT-ATING!

EX-HAUST-ING!

AND CREEPY!

Komi Can't Communicate
ENOUGH
ELAPSE
SLOW
VIDEO
PHOTO
PORTRAIT
PANORAMA
EDIT
STAMP
BEAUTY
FILTER

The Cameraman

*Midway through the battle

And I'm filming this battle royale.

Year 3. I'm in the video club.

My name is ***Mantaro Kamera.***

Plug him!

Fweet!

Parents, faculty, and eliminated players are watching it in the gym...

...so this needs to be ***dynamic.***

G-
W
WHRRRR
GET OUT OF THE WAY!

PATOCAR!
FIRE!
PATOCAR!
FIRE!
PATOCAR!
FIRE!

...WE CAN'T LAY DOWN SUPPRESSING FIRE!
THE WAY THEY'RE DARTING AROUND...
FWSH
KSHAK
!
KSHAK
!!

Fine with hitting Yamai
CLASS 3-2 HAS ELITE FIGHTERS!!

Who's Ditching Who

AND IF I WIN, THEY'LL SWARM ME.

THE SECOND-YEARS HAVE DECENT MOVES.

HWOOSH

SHE'S RUNNING AWAY!

I'LL FEED 'EM NAKANAKA AND DASH! ♥

TMP TMP TMP TMP TMP TMP TMP TMP

KYAH! YAMA x NAKA IS FIRE!

Lily was watching from the shadows.

Planned to feed Yamai to 'em

TMPTMPTMPTMPTMPTMP

Y HUH?

N HEY! ARE YOU RUNNING TOO?!

...

RA
A
A
A

A
A
A
A
H

RUSH THE THIRD-YEARS!

...

Susumi Shujo

THIS IS GETTING CRAZY!

JOLT

!!

WHOA! YOU'RE LOUD, NETSUNO !!

Aoi Netsuno

WHY'RE YOU STOPPING?! THIS LOOKS LIKE A BLAST!!

!!

Komorebi Hiki

HIKI'S SO TALL!!

Head stick-ing up

WHOSE HEAD IS STICKING UP?! SHOW YOURSELF!

They escaped.

CUZ WE WERE IN THE GIRL'S RESTROOM...

THE SECOND-YEARS CAUGHT ALL THE FIRST-YEARS EXCEPT US!

Low morale

UGHHH

IF WE TRY TO LIBERATE OUR PEERS, THE SECOND-YEARS WILL HIT OUR BUZZER AND WE'LL ALL BE OUT.

S

!!

THIS FIRES ME UP!!

AWESOME!

DROOL

Rando Boys Eroticism Class

Class 3-5 defensive line

Mitsu Toro Class President

EEP! M-ME?!

FWOO

FIGHT HARD AND I'LL BLOW IN YOUR EAR.

SHE'LL DO WHAT?!

MAKE A ROUSING SPEECH, AGARI.

NOT A BAD SPEECH!

Came from class 4

BOING

UM...

BOING

UM...

YOU DID GOOD.

WAH!

FWOO

Years 1-2's numbers: 311→244

Year 3's numbers: 144→117

Breaking class 5's defenses

Nene Onemine
Class President

Class 3-4 defenses

YAAAAAY

BATTLE AND CHILL.

NARUSE!!

Naru-se is out.

PTOINK

MY SMART FOOTWORK WILL MAKE SHORT WORK OF—

Dokuro Gasha
Class 2-4 Captain

...BUT THESE GUYS AIN'T NUTHIN'!

KEH HEH HEH

KEH! THOSE GUYS WERE SORTA TUFF...

URGH

DRAG

HUH? WHUH?!

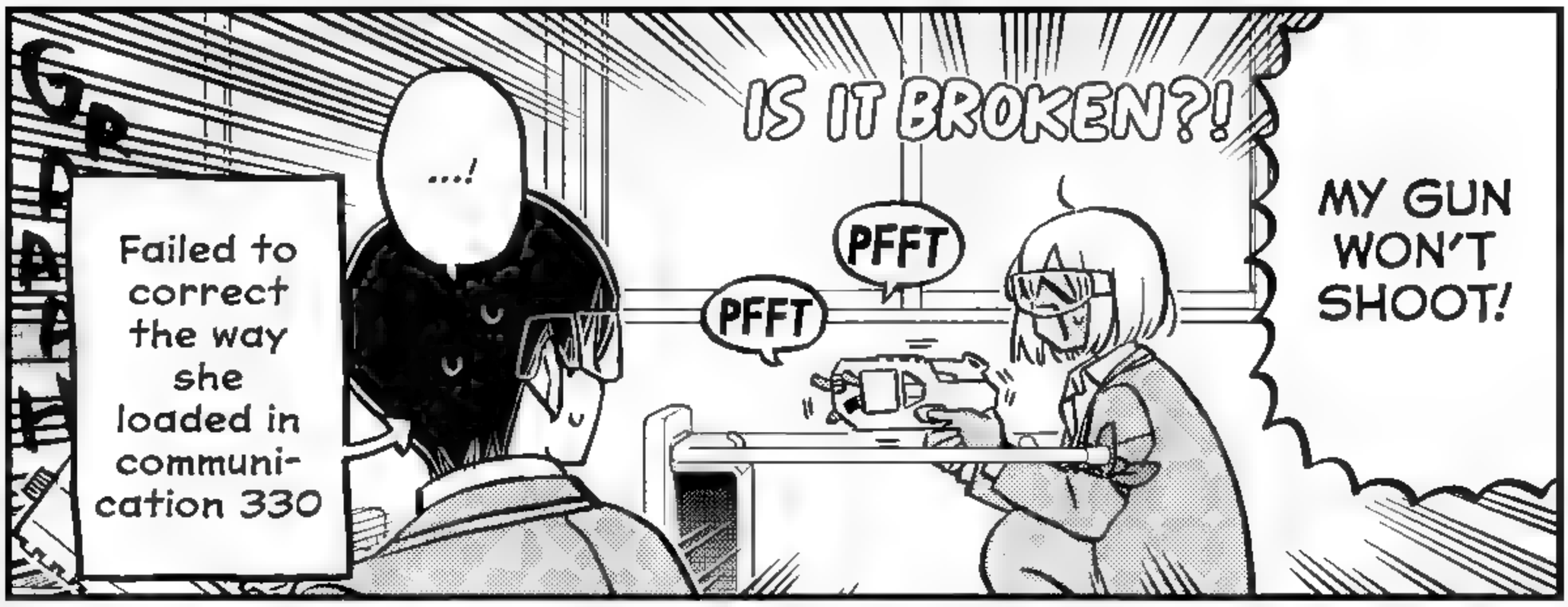
URGH

SHE'S REALLY SWEATING!

Athlet-icism: ◎

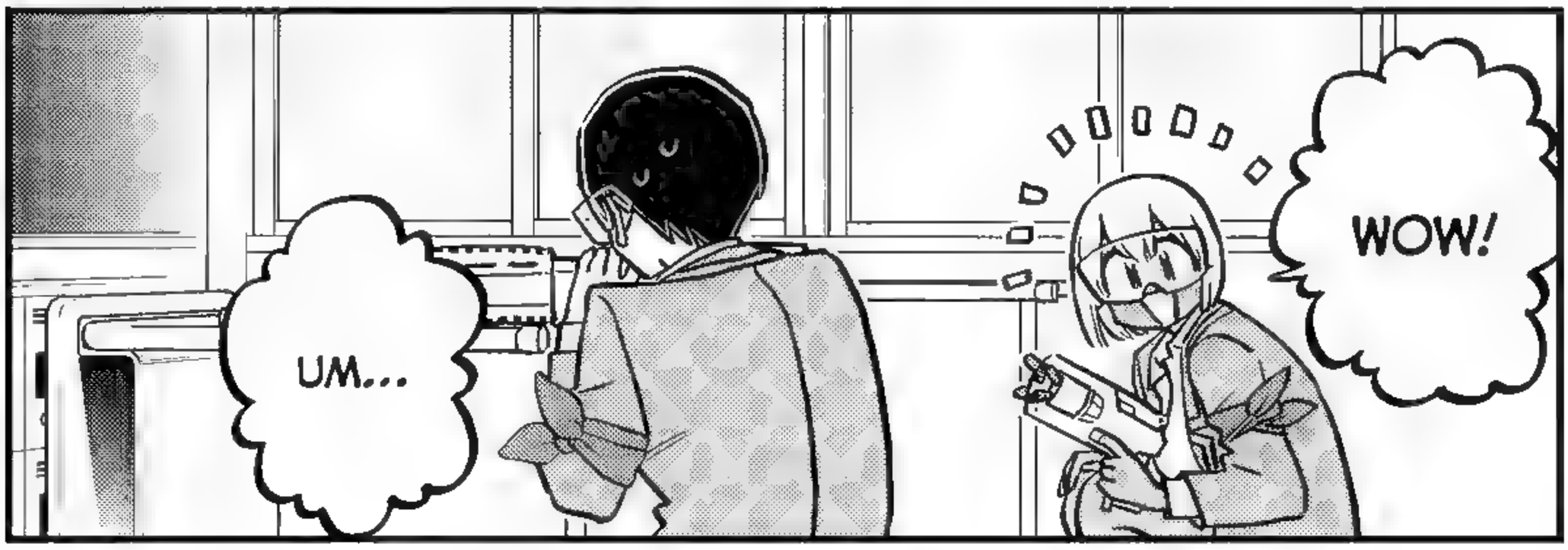
Shi-buki Ase

OO1ST


...!
Failed to correct the way she loaded in communi-cation 330
IS IT BROKEN?!
PFFT
PFFT
MY GUN WON'T SHOOT!

PTUNK
PTUNK
HYA HA! WE'LL KILL YA ALL!!

!


UM...
WOW!

...WAKAI!

!

EN

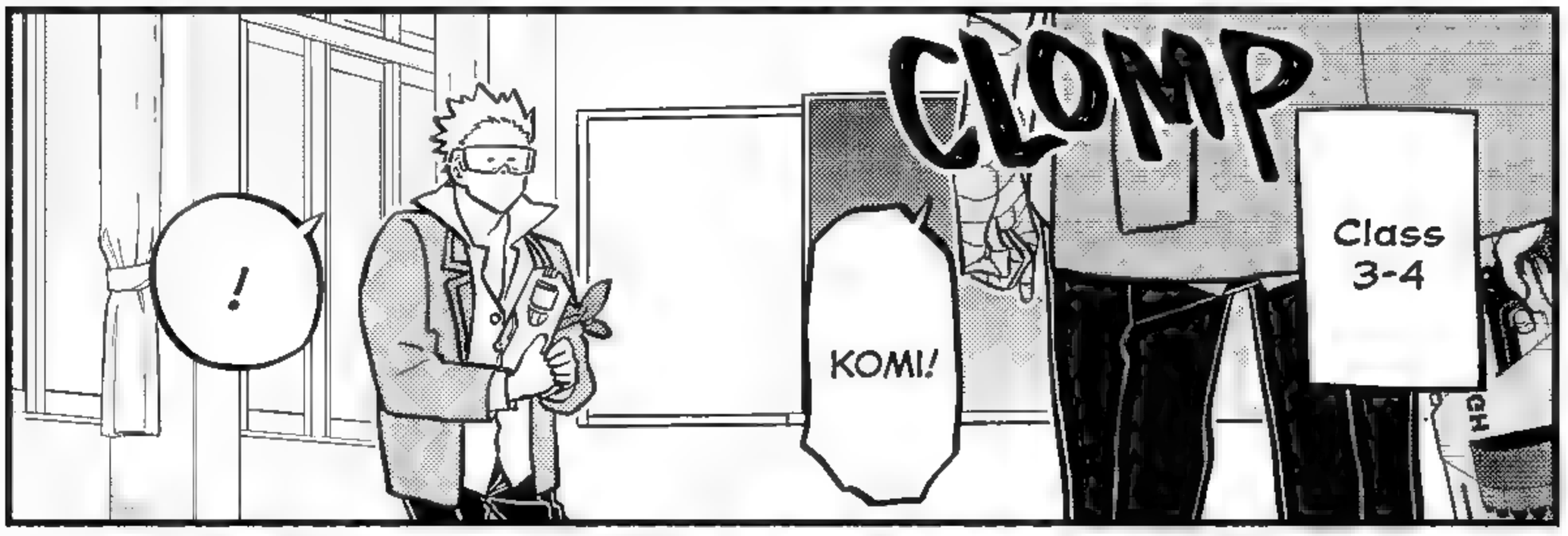
UHN.

?!

PT OINK

Wakai's out.

Suteno and Boss Komi



WAAAAAAH

GLANCE GLANCE

EASY. THIS AIN'T NO SNEAK ATTACK.

IS KOMI HERE?

I COULD SHOOT YOU, BUT THAT'D BE NO FUN...

...BECAUSE YOU'RE SUCH A BIG TARGET.

BL

SO LET'S SEE WHO CAN DO MORE PUSH-UPS IN ONE MINUTE!

Doesn't know Suteno is talking to him

Scared

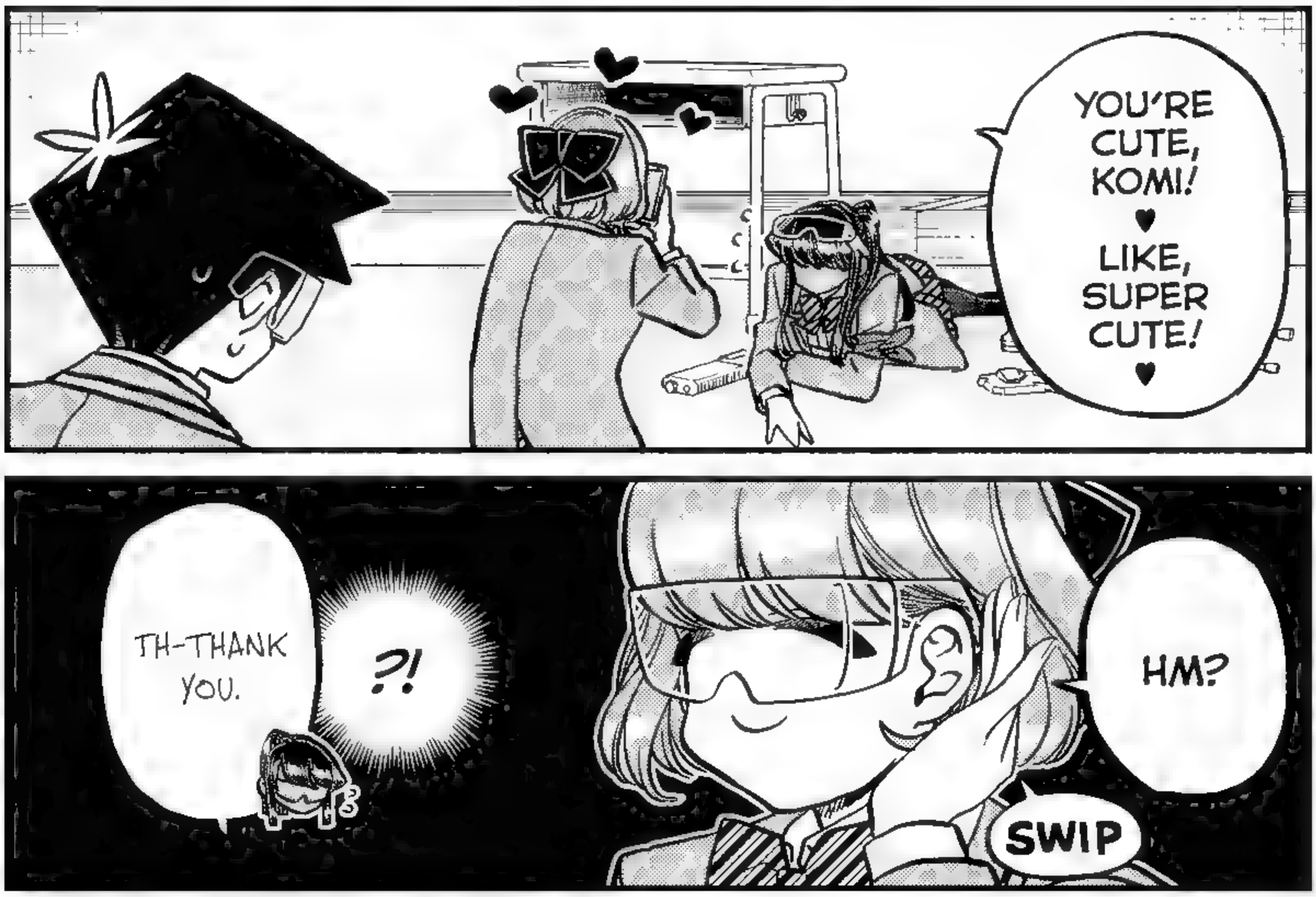
UMF

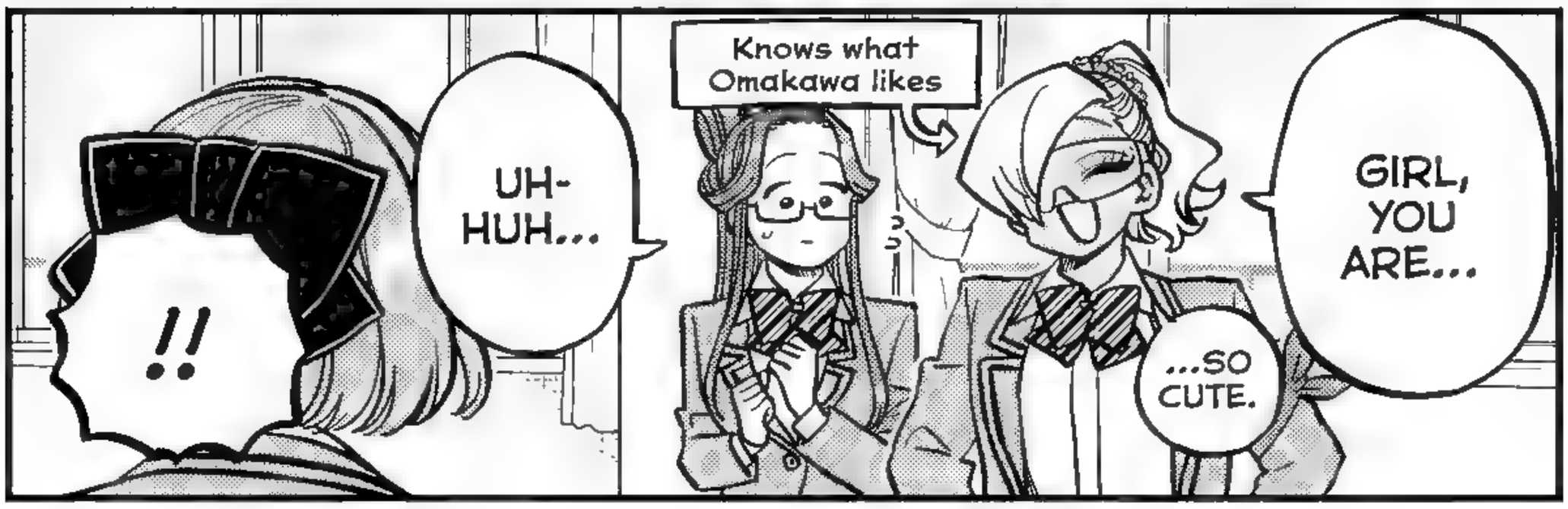
UMF

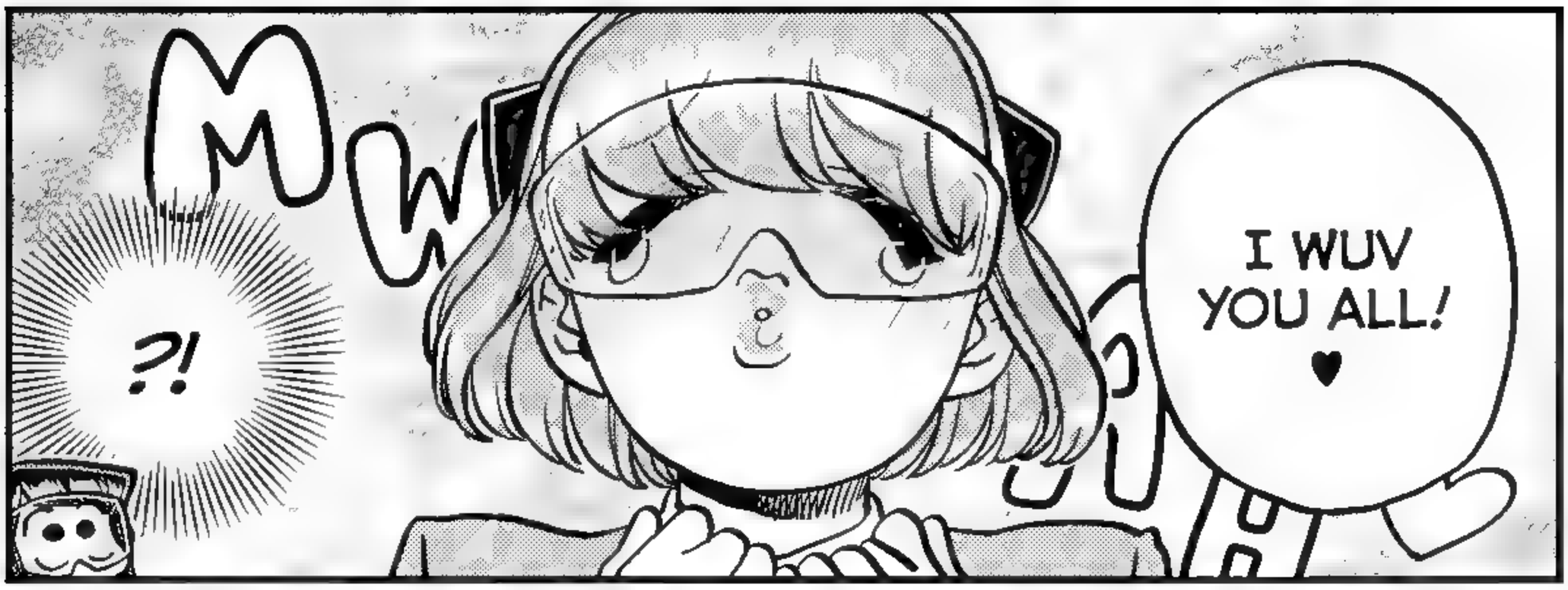
UMF

HERE I GO! ONE! TWO! THREE! FOUR! FIVE!

Omakawa Waits



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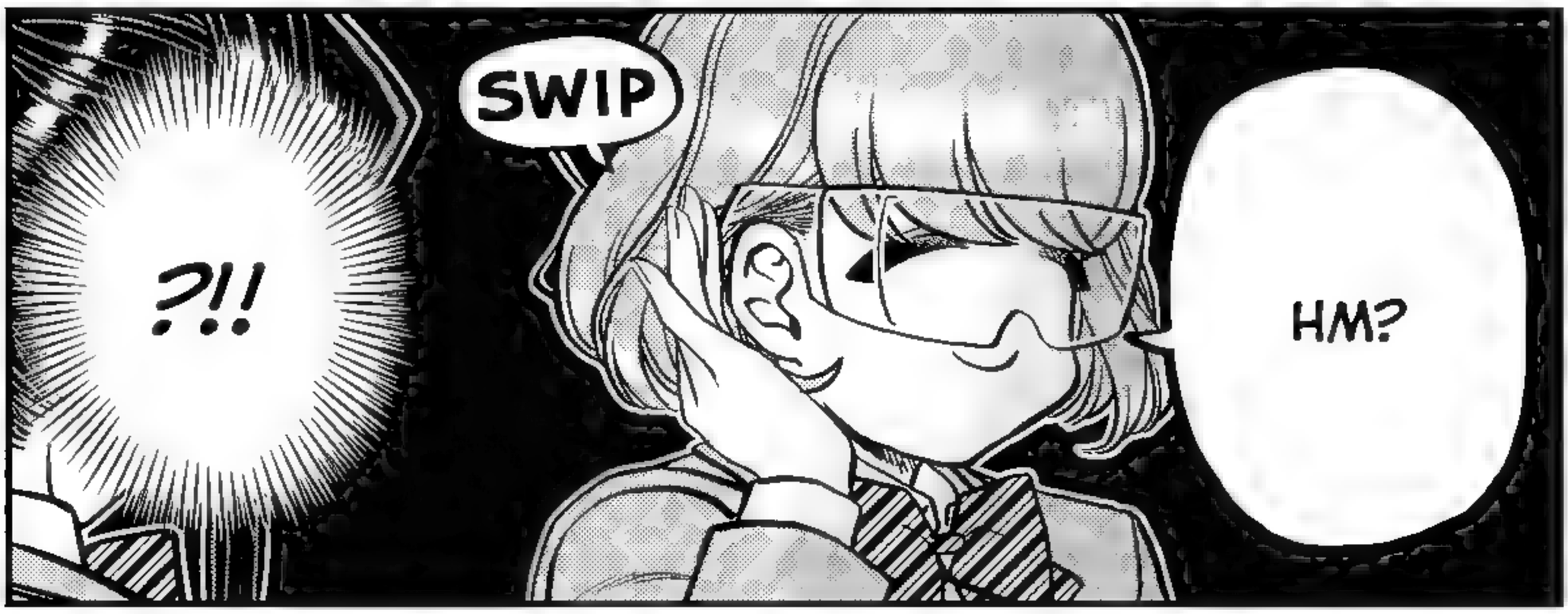
?!
I WUV YOU ALL!
♥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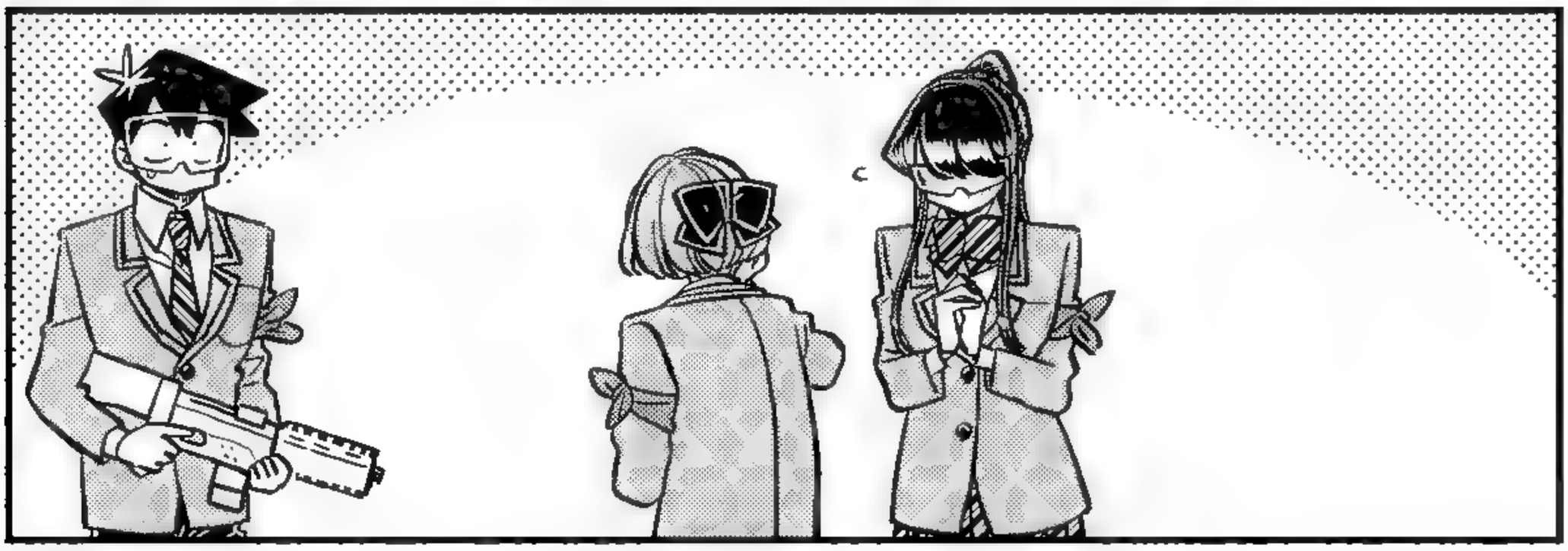
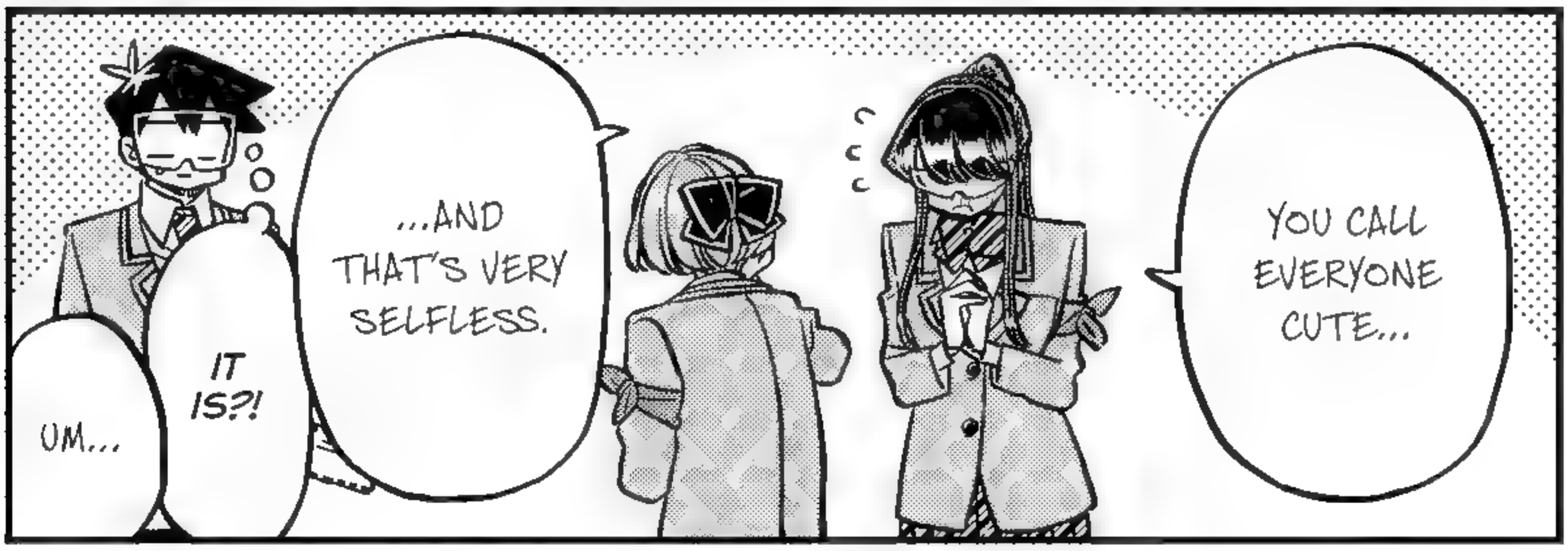
SWIP
HM?




UM...
IT IS?!
...AND THAT'S VERY SELFLESS.
YOU CALL EVERYONE CUTE...

I STILL DON'T KNOW YOU WELL...

...BUT I WOULD LIKE TO SO...

...CAN WE BE FRIENDS?

THANK YOU FOR ALWAYS SPEAKING...

...TO ME.

...

KOMI...

Just tell me I'm cute!

But they became friends.

?!

...THAT'S STILL NOT IT.

The New Four Monarchs and the Boss

Suteno suddenly starts doing push-ups!

Nine !!

UMF

Seven !!

Eight !!

UMF

UMF

The story thus far!

!

?!

NOMNOMNOMNOM

!

Hajime Gokudo

GASP

THOSE FOUR!

WHAT THE?!

Y.Y. Hannya the yo-yo master!

Ase the snow-boarder!

THE NEW FOUR MON-ARCHS!

Not play-ing

Isagi the student council prez!

Kome-tani the gamer!

AND THEIR BOSS LOOMS OVER ALL...

COOL NICKNAME, KOMI!

Look-ing at Katai

GWOO

DISCOM-MUNICATION KOMI...!

He Can Read a Room?

...has an inborn ability.

Goro Suteno ...

OW!

PTOINK

IS HE COOL?! R NOT?!

...GO ON AND SHOOT IF YOU'VE GOT THE GUTS.

In other words...

...for murderous intent!

He has a sense for animosity.

That's how he got to the top.

(That and physical tough-ness.)

He doesn't even need to be able to see danger in order to react to it.

...Boss Komi.

That's why he feared...

...but betrayed no murderous intent.

Komi's face was fierce...

Face scrunched with fear

...

...and that made him uneasy.

Suteno simply couldn't read Komi...

...IS UNFATHOMABLE...

SHIVR

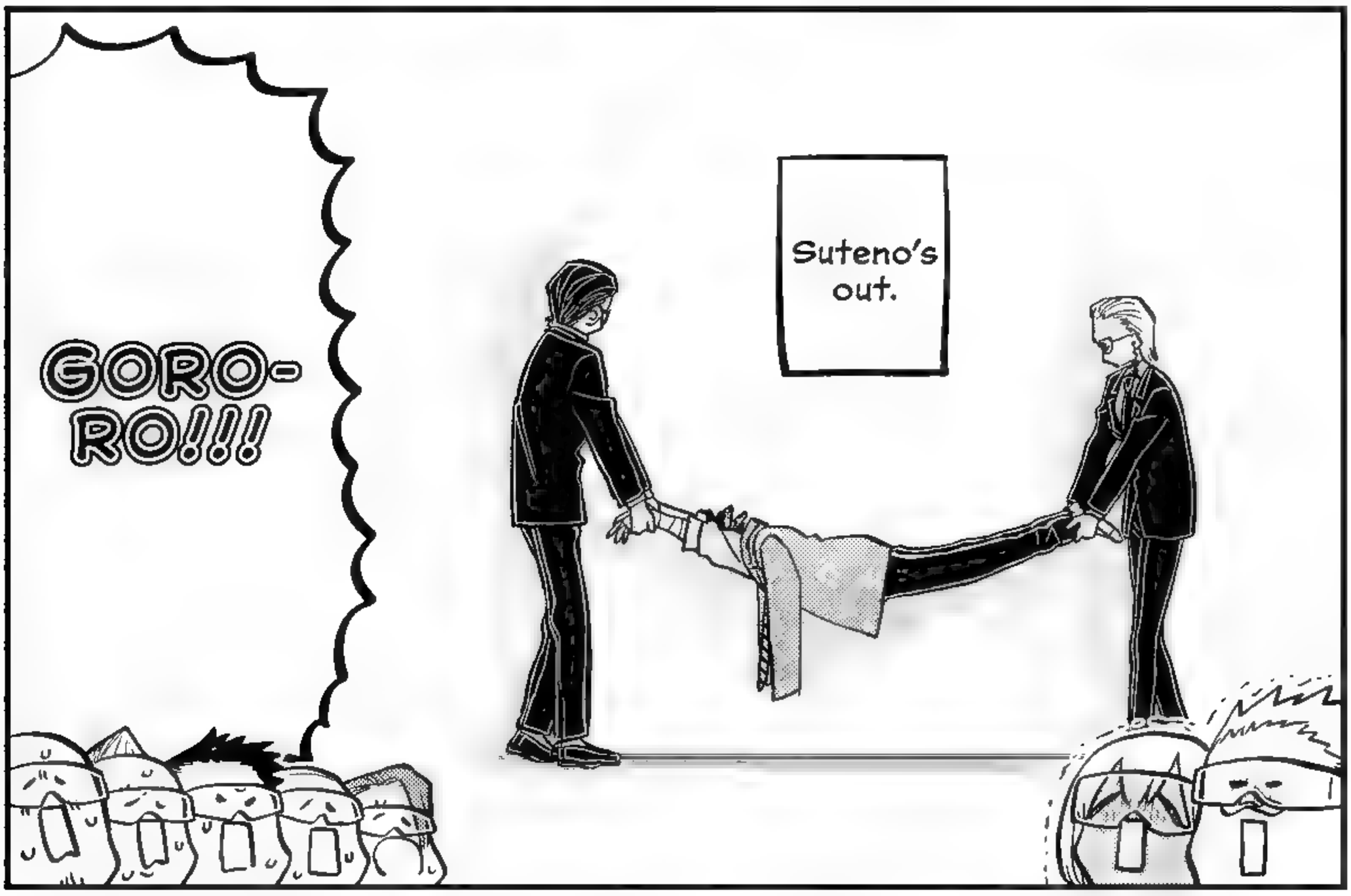
...YOUR STONY VISAGE...

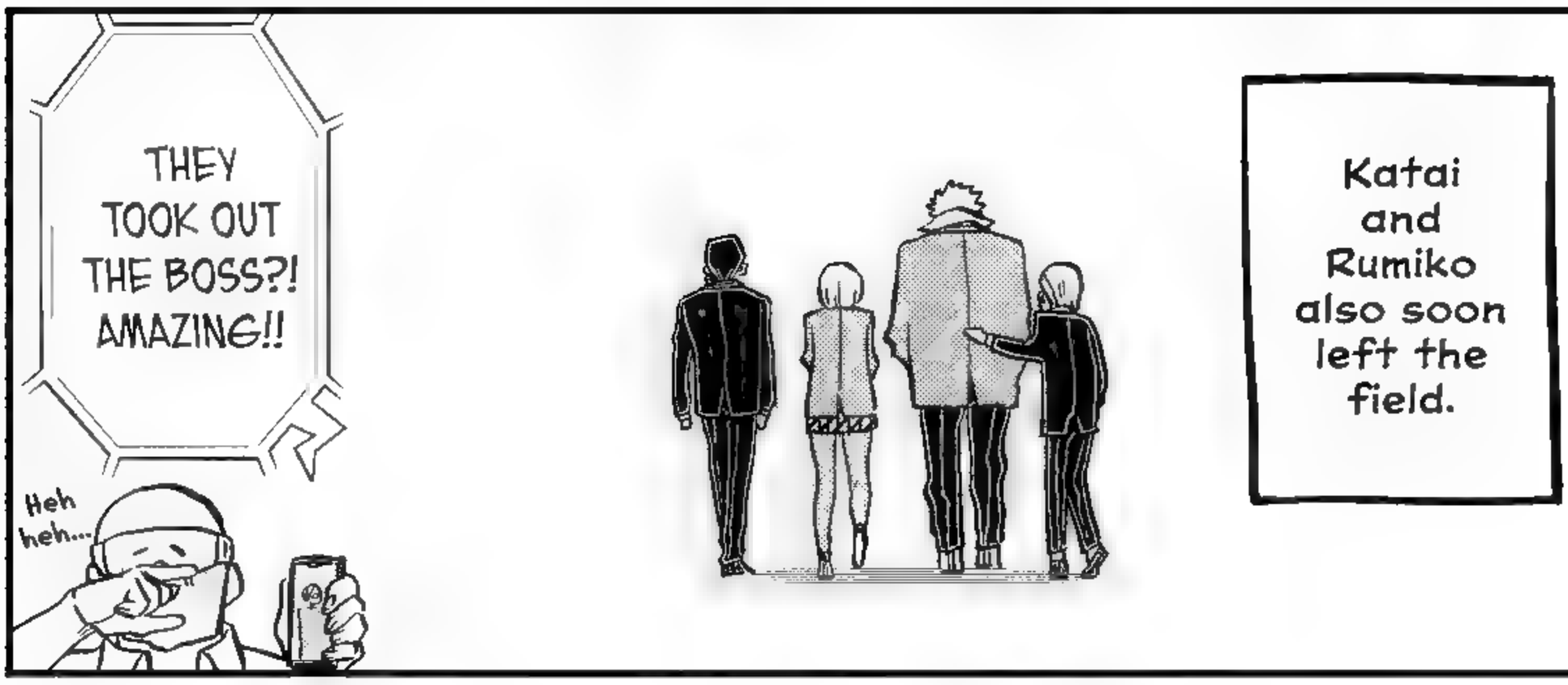
OOH! IT WORKED!

POINK

...KOMI!

OOPS.
S-SORRY!


GORO-RO!!!
Suteno's out.


THEY TOOK OUT THE BOSS?! AMAZING!!
Heh heh...
Katai and Rumiko also soon left the field.

Mission: Down with the Proxy Chairman!

AT LAST, YOU COME.

ooo!

IS SHE CRYING?!

Thank you for coming!

H

SOB!

COMPLETE THE MISSION IN THE GYM TO EARN POWERFUL GEAR! (NARRATED LIKE *RUN FOR MONEY*) OR SO I ANNOUNCED OVER THE SOUND SYSTEM, BUT EVERYONE WAS TOO BUSY FIGHTING TO HEAR IT... EVEN THOUGH... I WORKED SO HARD ON IT...

The winner gets the ultimate gear!

The mission rules are simple!

Win by shooting me within this 15-meter-square!

But you lose the right to challenge.

IF YOU GET SHOT HERE, YOU'RE NOT OUT. SO COME ON.

!

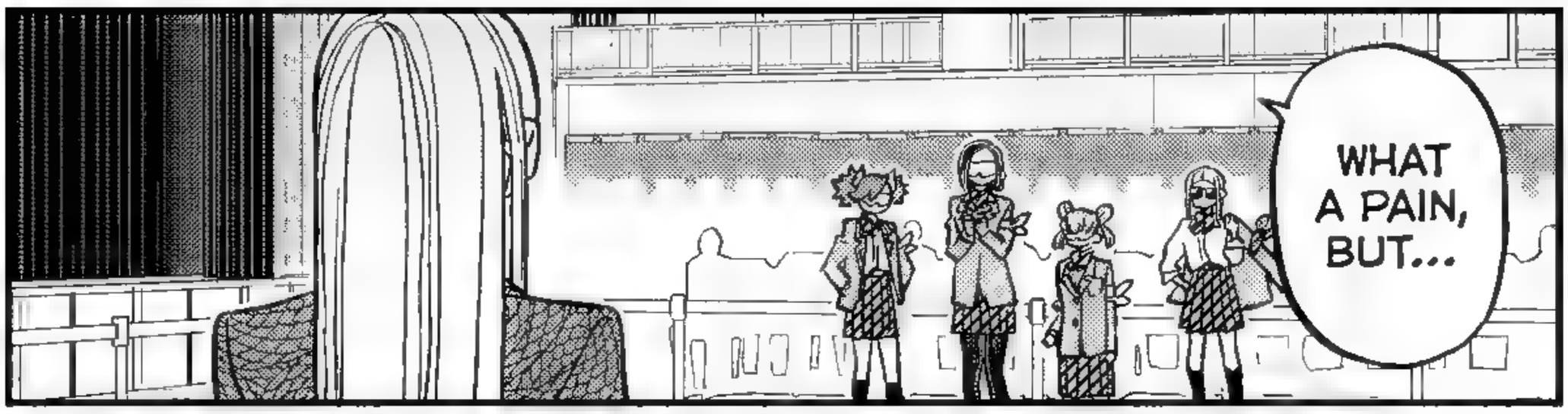
!!

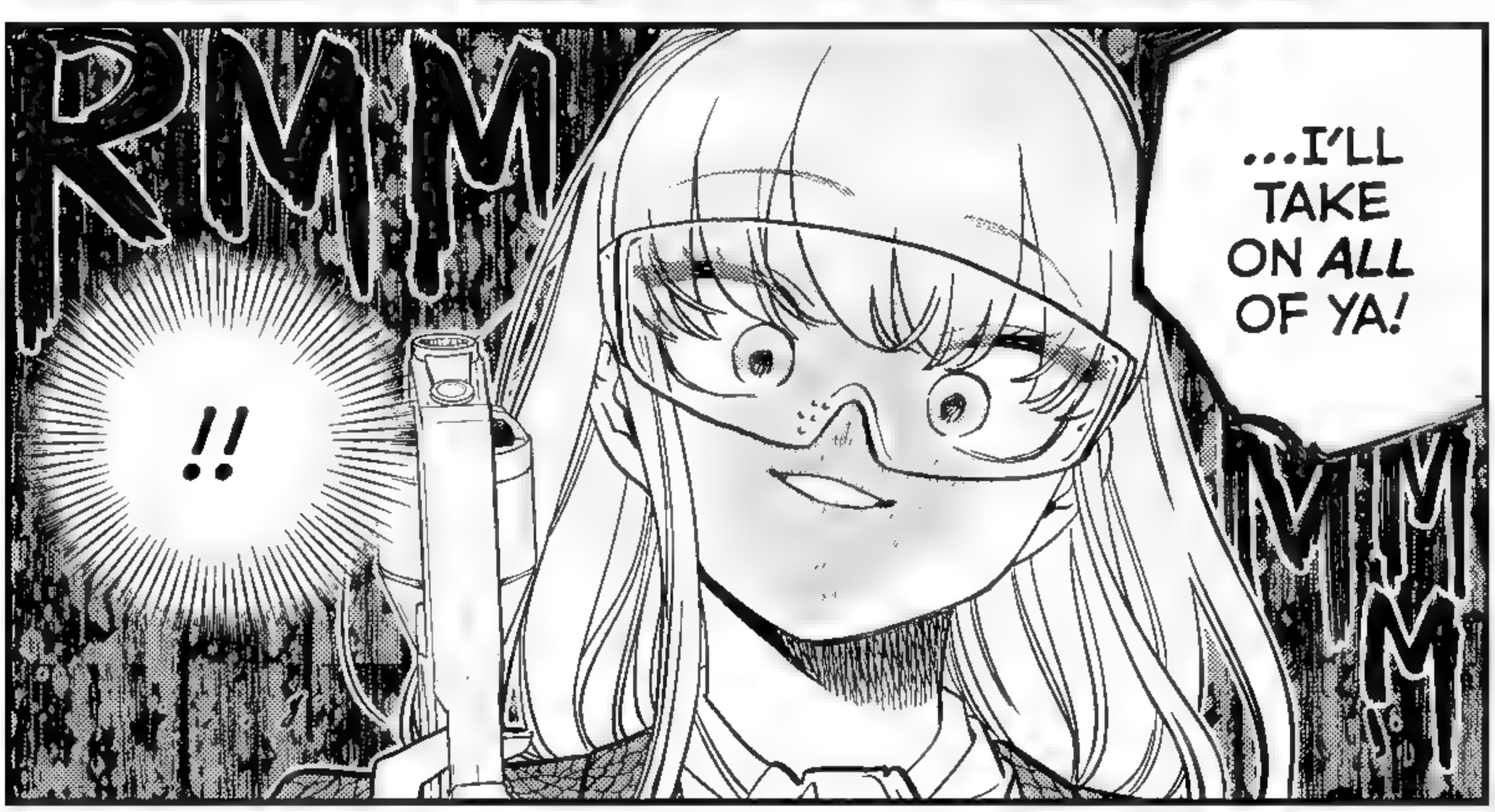
THIS LOOKS FUN!

WHO'S THAT?!

I WANT IN!

Makeru Yadano


WHAT A PAIN, BUT...


RMM
!!
...I'LL TAKE ON ALL OF YA!
MM

I'M CHANGIN' THE RULES!!!
PTOINK
PTOINK
PTOINK

...
You ganged up!! Have you no shame?!
NO!
NO!

Mission: Down with the Proxy Chairman! (revised rules)

?!

ENOUGH

LET'S HAVE A *PAIR* SHOOT-OUT!

*The gun starts unloaded.

Single shooter

ENOUGH

The face issues instructions, and the arms shoot!

Right!! Right!!

One person as the eyes! The other as the arms!

Yadano, Netsuno

Shujo, Hiki

Icho, Najimi

HERE ARE THE PAIRS!

BEGIN THE SHOOT-OUT!!

THEY KNOW EACH OTHER?

MAKERU! LONG TIME, NO SEE!

Net-suno's instruc-tions are vague.

Eyes: Netsuno

LOWER! LOWER! RIGHT! LEFT! THERE! NO, THERE! YES, THERE!

?!

Parents and guardians

Eyes: Najimi

Up, up, down, down, left, right, left, right, BA!

SWUP

KSHAK

SHF

OW!

PTOONK

NAJIMI'S INSTRUCTIONS WORKED?!

CLINK

CLINK

NICE AND STEADY.

PICK UP ONE BULLET THREE CENTIMETERS TO THE RIGHT OF YOUR LEFT HAND AND...

...VERY GOOD.

Eyes: Shujo

...

THE TRIGGER IS TOWARD THE BACK, SO...

YES, ABOUT THERE.

ENOUGH

TO THE RIGHT AND UP...

SHASHAAAAAKE

?!

ENOUGH

...AND WE'LL LOSE!

IF I MISS...

...IT'S MY FAULT...

ENOUGH

KLATR

KLATR

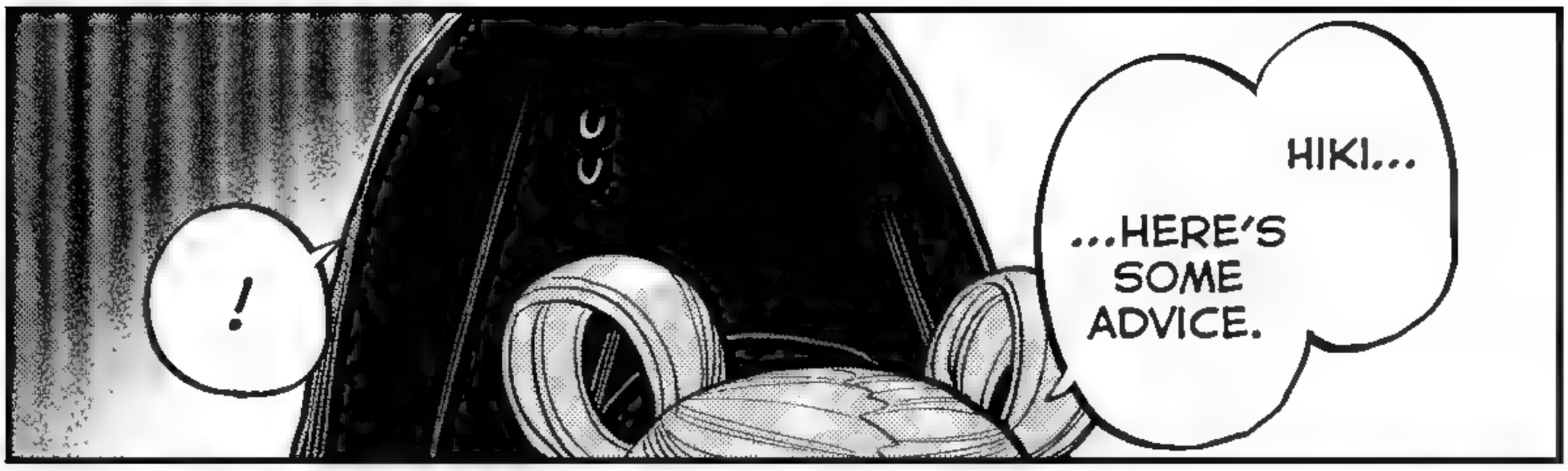
KLATR

BUT MY HAND...

...SUPER EXHILARATING!

?!

MEGA DIFFICULT MEANS...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HIKI...
...HERE'S SOME ADVICE.

JUST HAVE FUN.

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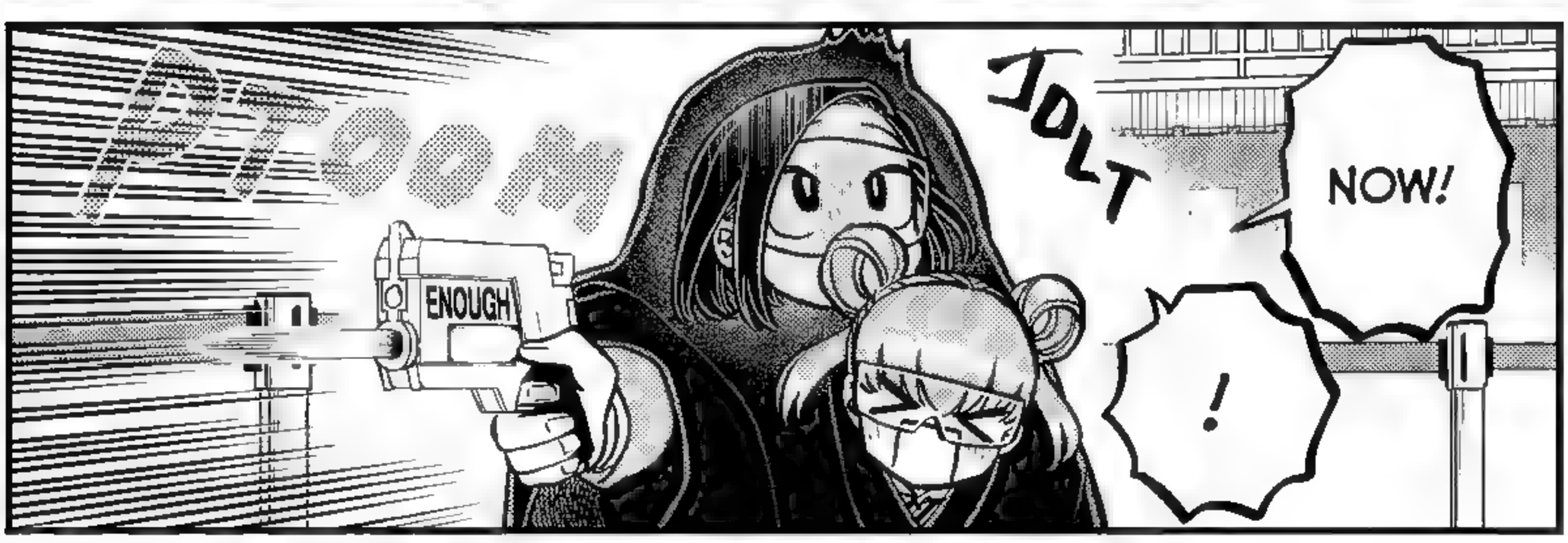
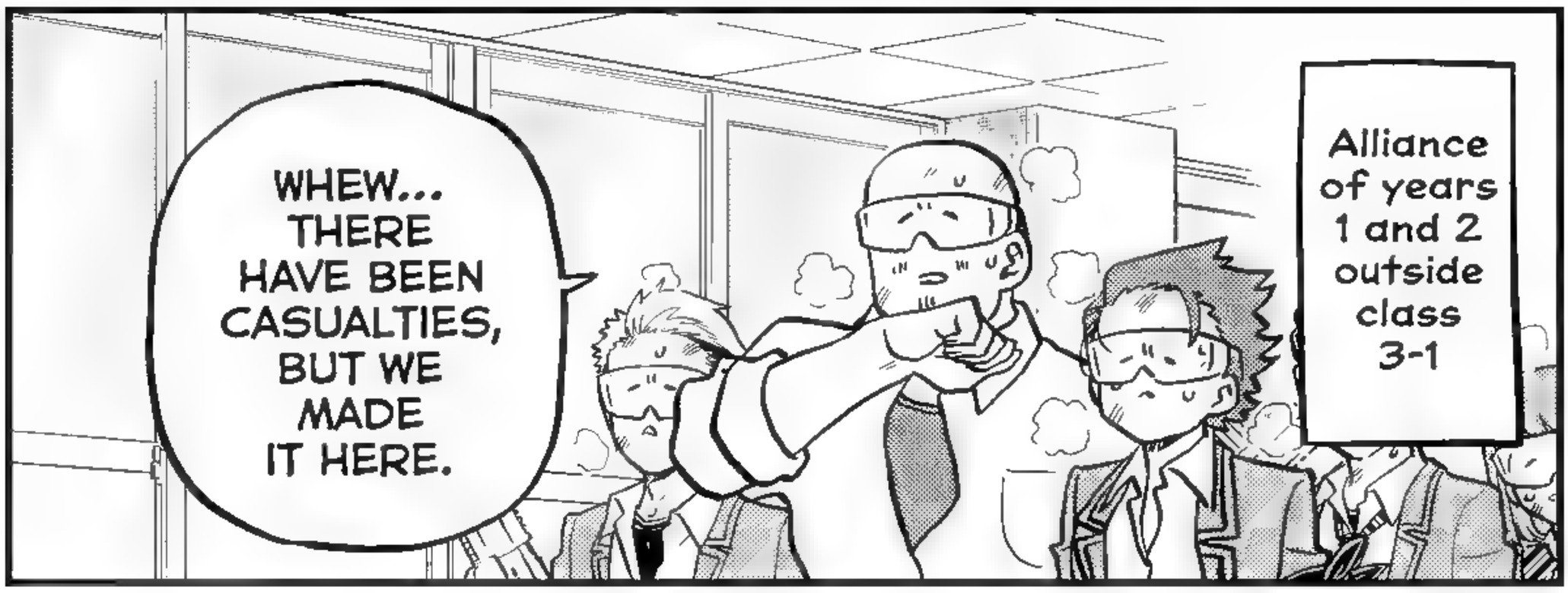
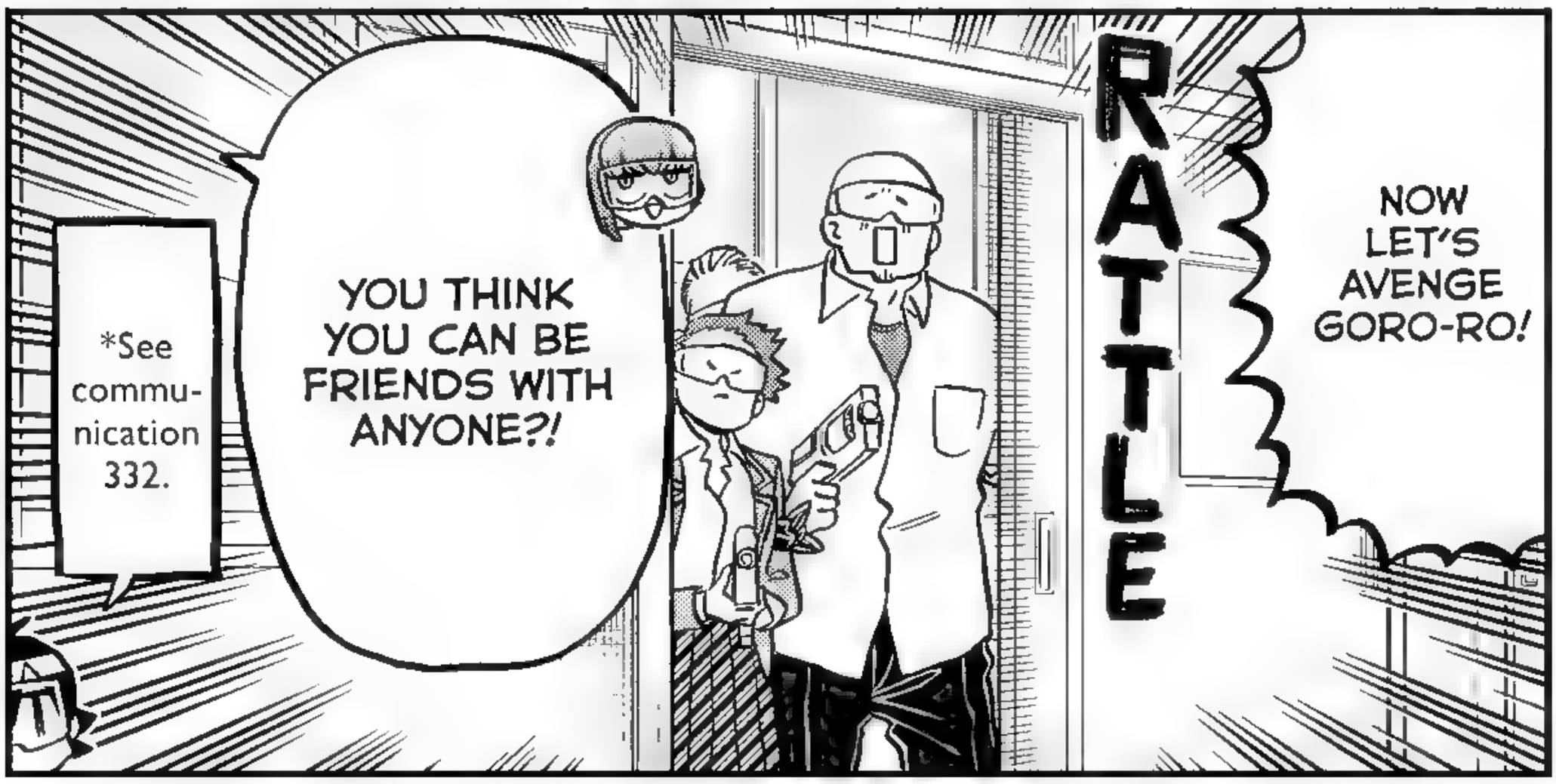
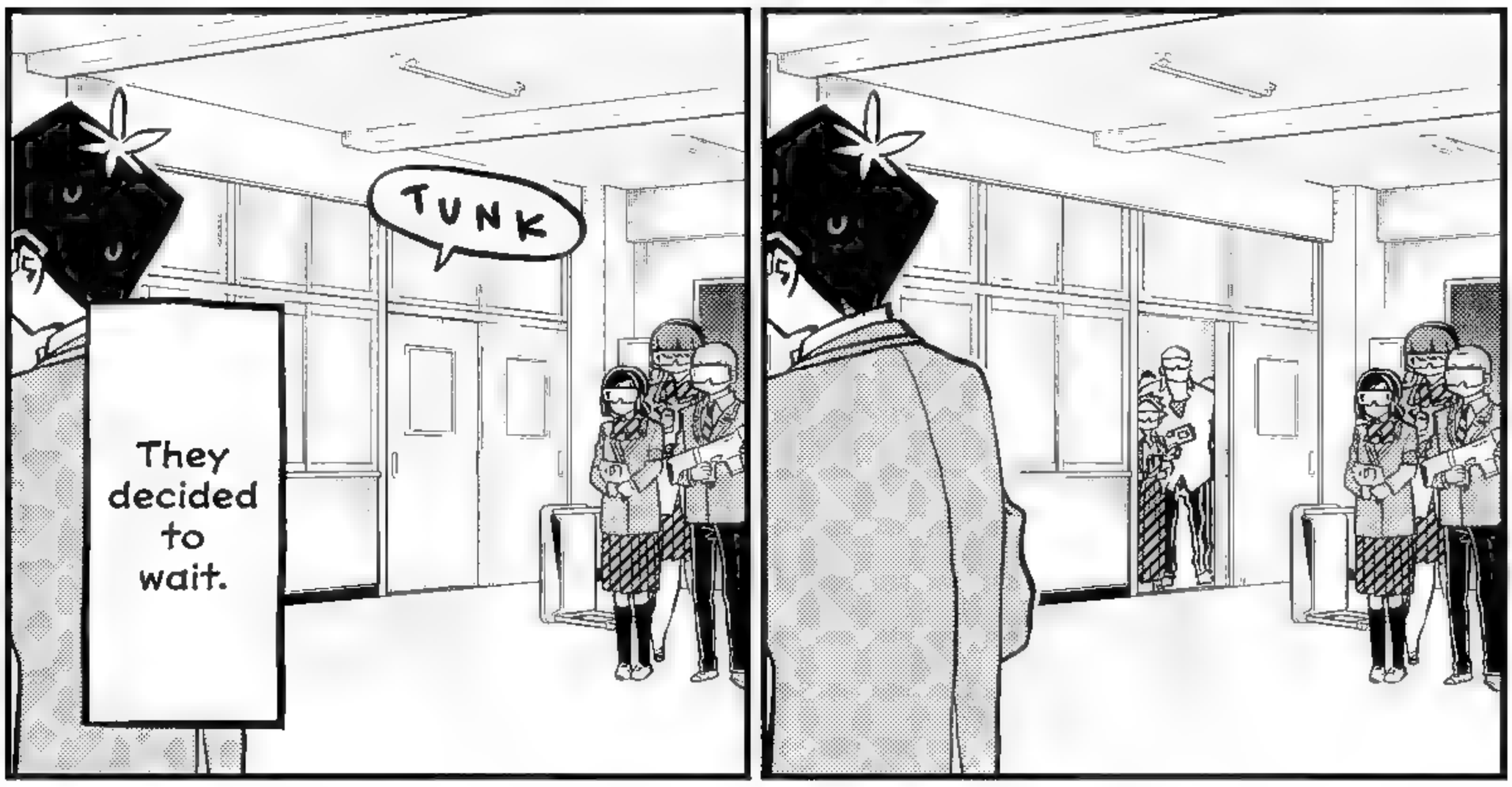

ENOUGH
ADULT
NOW!
!

Closing the Door







The Battle's Final Stages

GRAAAH

The coalition invades!

GRAAAH

?!

PLONK

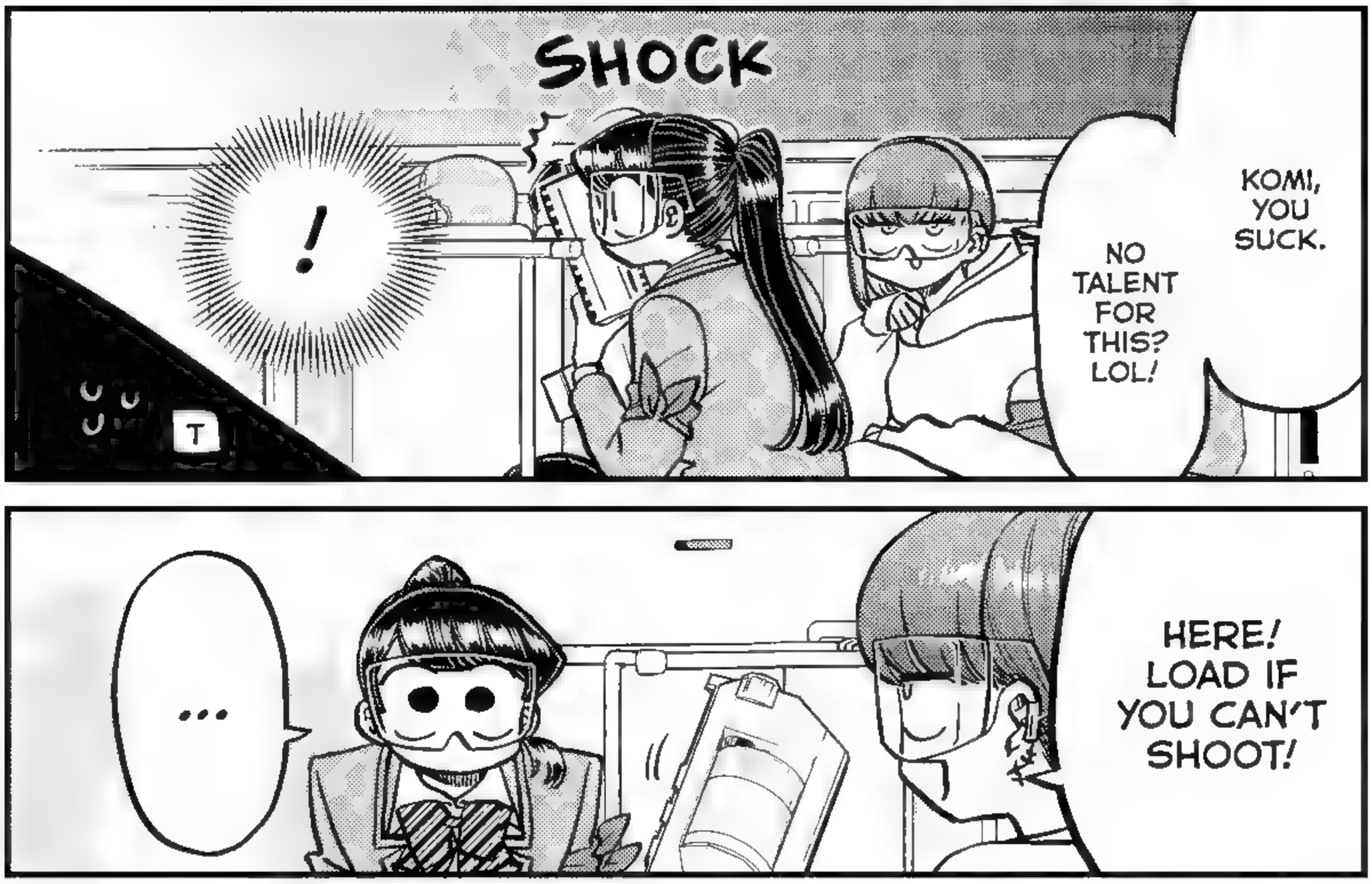
ROLL ROLL

Likes that about her

The snowball fight was like that too...

SHE CAN'T AIM AT PEOPLE!

PLONK PLONK


SHOCK
!
T
KOMI, YOU SUCK.
NO TALENT FOR THIS? LOL!
...
HERE! LOAD IF YOU CAN'T SHOOT!
HMPH
HMPH
!!
Likes this better
NOW YOU'RE PUMPED UP?!
PWAH
ENOUGH

...
PTOOM
TCH!
GRAAAAAAH

A Hero Swoops In

A HERO...

FWAP

...SWOOPS...

Stray bullet

PTNK

...IN.

NEXT! THE CON-CLUS-ION!!

Makeru's out.

TMP

Communication 333 — The End

Komi Can't Communicate

Communication 334: MVP

NOD

...!

NOD

SWEAT

PWOOSH

PWOOSH

GAH!

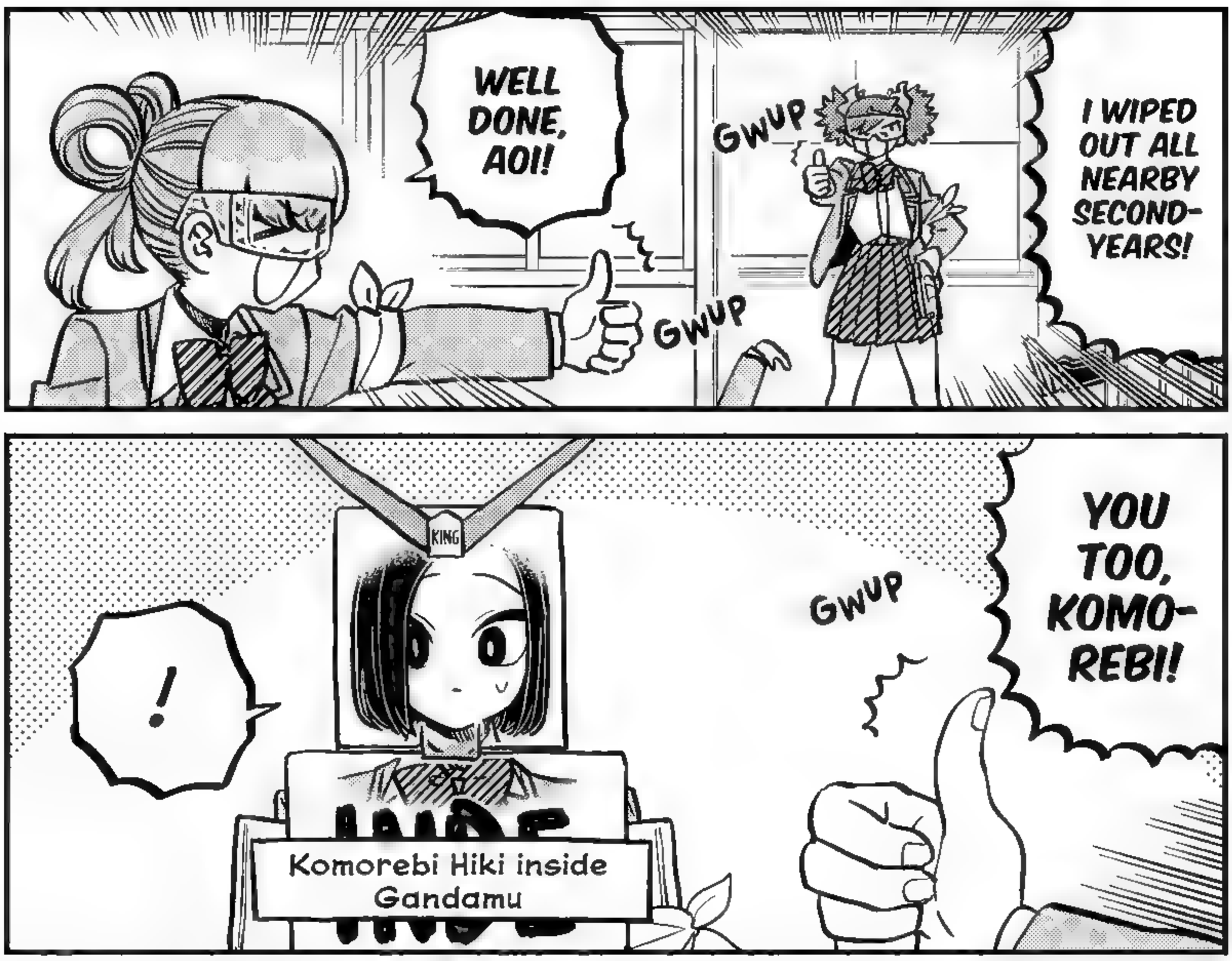
THIS IS THE WORST!

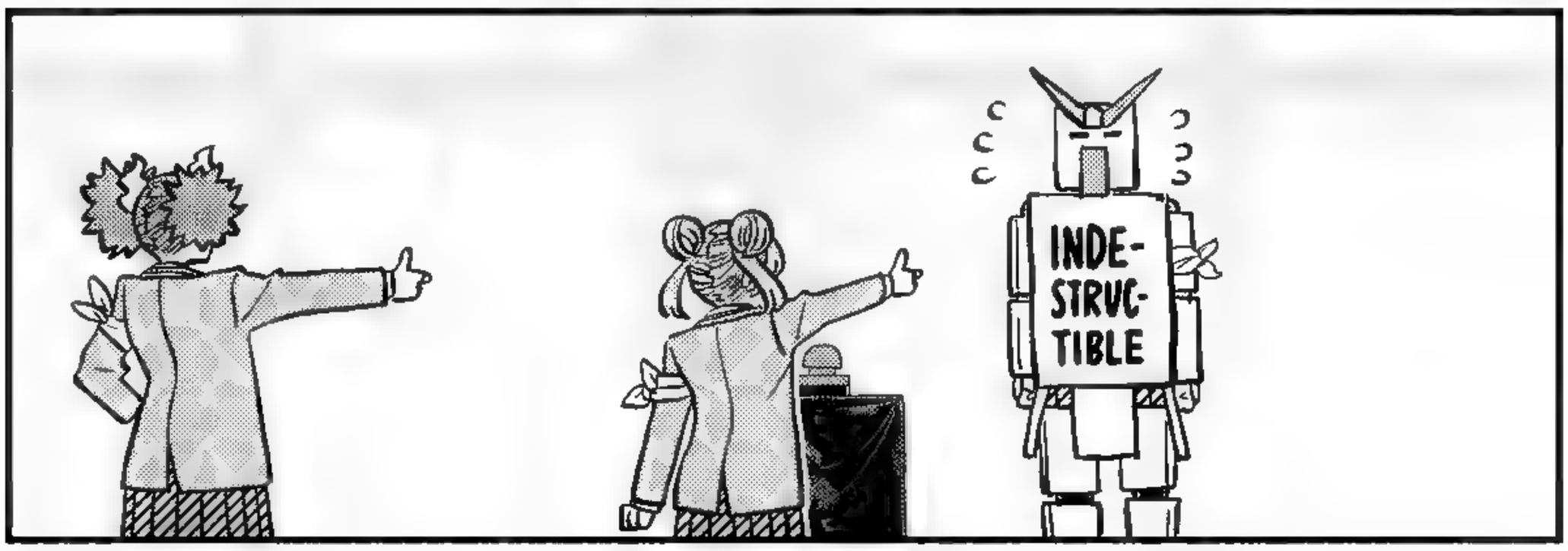
!!

SWEAT

Class 1-1

!
OOF!
WHO'S THERE?!
UNGH!
GUH!
THIS BUZZER WILL ANNIHILATE YEAR 1!
FIRST-YEARS?! THIRD-YEARS?!
DADUM
?!
KING
MANUFACTURER
INDE-STRUC-TIBLE
Mission prize: indestructible Gandamu armor
Yae Hama-ki is out.
HUH?!
PTNK
INDE-STRUC-TIBLE
HYAH!


WELL DONE, AOI!
GWUP
GWUP
I WIPED OUT ALL NEARBY SECOND-YEARS!
KING
!
Komorebi Hiki inside Gandamu
GWUP
YOU TOO, KOMO-REBI!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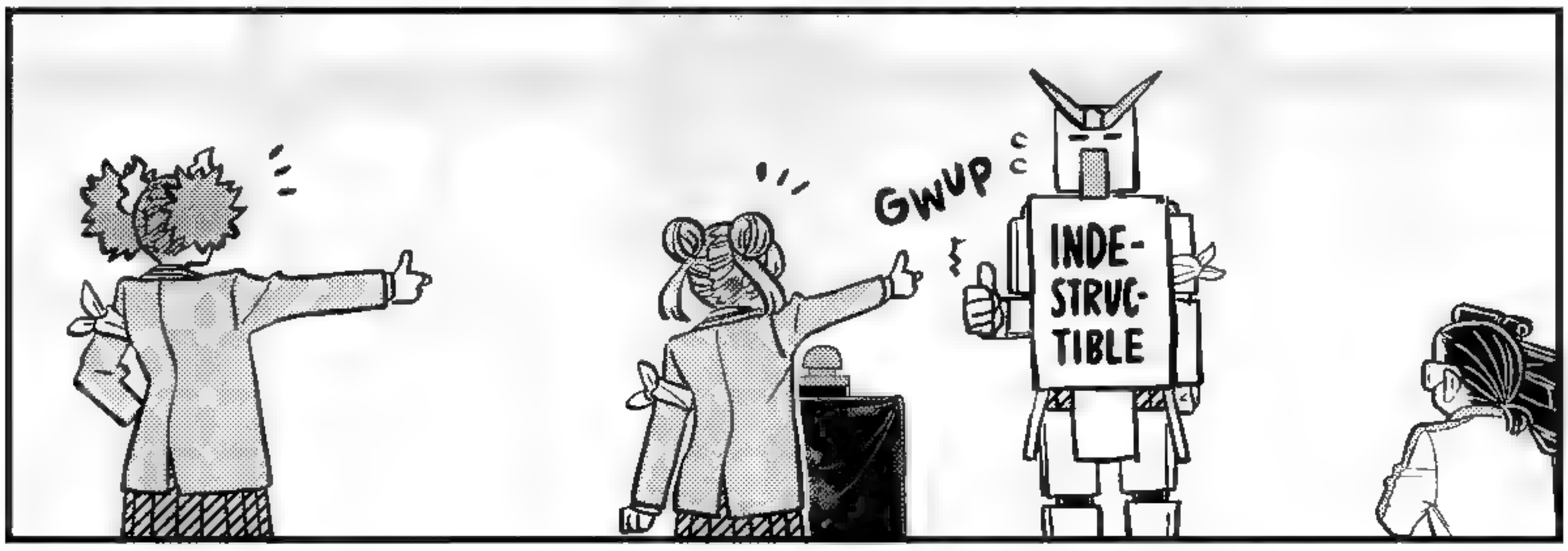
GWUP
INDE-STRUC-TIBLE

PAPING PAPONG!

NO, I DON'T KNOW!

CAN I TALK? HM?

ZZT

Class 3-1

GRAAAH

!!

ADDRESSING ALL FIRST-YEARS!!

WE HAVE YOUR BUZZER!

...BUT MOW 'EM DOWN!!

IND

THE ENEMY MAY BE OLDER...

WHAT?! YOU—

GAH!

GRARRR

THEY TOOK BACK THEIR BUZZER!!
Class 2-1
...WHILE THE OTHER GRADES ARE MOSTLY IN THE FIELD!
BUT THERE ARE TEN SURVIVORS GATHERED HERE...
?!
GAH!
WE STILL HAVE THE NUMBERS ADVAN—
WHAT—
GUH!
ONLY TEN OF YOU, EH?

UNCOOL.

SWUP

CAN YOU WITHSTAND MY *DARK DRAGON FORCE?!*

MWA HA HA...

SWIK

I'M CONFUSED, BUT...

YUH-HUH, YOU DID!!

HUNH? I NEVER SAID THAT!

IT'S NOT UNCOOL!

IF THAT WAS UNCOOL, YOUR LINE ABOUT "CHILDISH GAMES ♥" WAS UNCOOL TOO!

...GET 'EM!

KS

!!

HK

SKRK
SKRK
SKRK
SKRK
GYAAAAH
AHHH
UWAAAA
ENOUGH
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KING
MANUFACTURER
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INDE-
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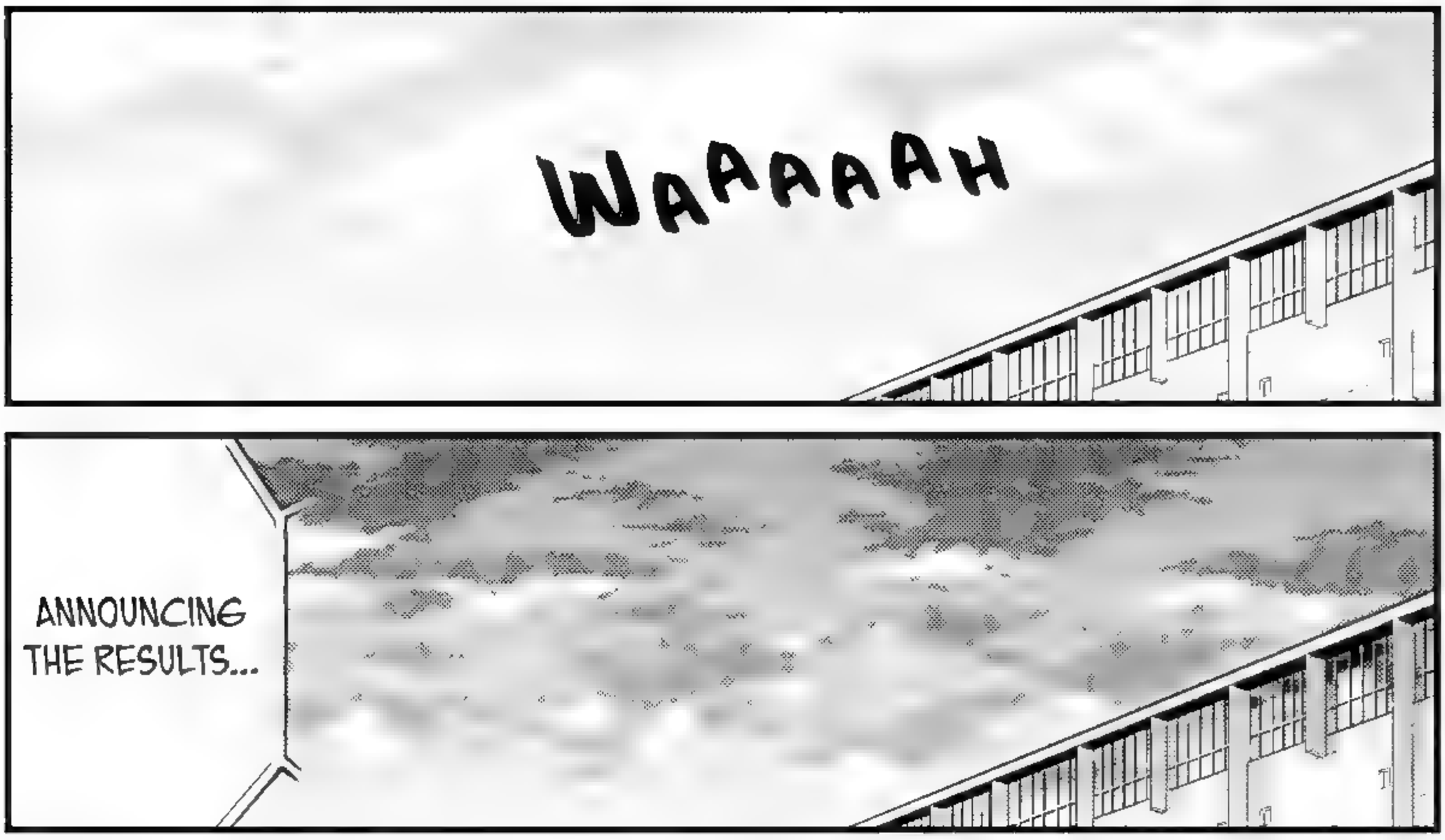
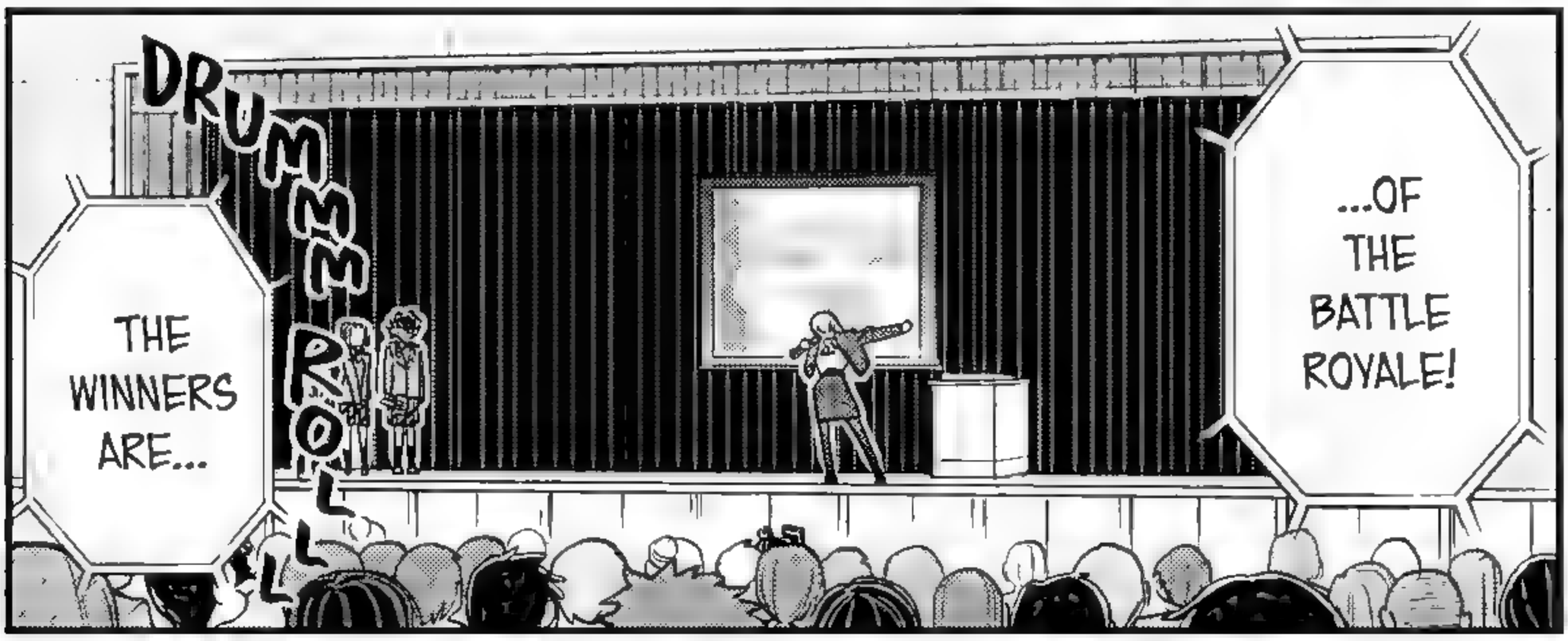

WAAAAAH
ANNOUNCING THE RESULTS...


DRUMMM ROLL
THE WINNERS ARE...
...OF THE BATTLE ROYALE!

INDE-STRUC-TIBLE
CONGRAT-ULATIONS!!
...YEAR 1!!

ENJOY YOUR LEGENDARY SANDWICHES!

YAAAAA

PTOSCH

YOU WASTED YOUR ELDERS...

...SO YOU'LL GO FAR HERE!

AND THE DAY'S MVP IS...

KING

...KOMOREBI HIKI FROM CLASS 1-1!

!

?!

SETOKA ANY I

ILL DO THING SAY- TICKET.

YOU WIN THE PRIZE TICKET!

CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLA

WILT

TIBLE

YAAAY CONGRATS!

CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLA

INDE-

TIBLE

WOOO

?!

I'VE GOT MY...

...EYE ON YOU, HIKI.

G300

...HELP...

SOB!

IS SHE CRYING?!

PROCEEDS GO TO...

...MY SALARY, SO...

DVDS AND BLU-RAYS OF THE DAY'S EVENTS ARE ON SALE OUTSIDE!

Next morning!

GOOD FIGHT, EVERY-ONE!

WE'RE DONE HERE!

GOOD MORNING.

YOU LOOK CUTE TODAY, KOMI!

!

MORNIN', YOU TWO!

!

...YOU LOOK...

...CUTE...

...TOO.

UM, THANKS...

UH...

VWUM

?!

VWUM

I FEEL MY POWER BUILDING!

?!!

YOW!

OSH

!

NOD NOD

MORNING!

GOOD MORNING.

HIYA, SHOKOTASO! ☆

!

She's gone.

GASP

GOOD MORN...

...ING.

G...

...

C C

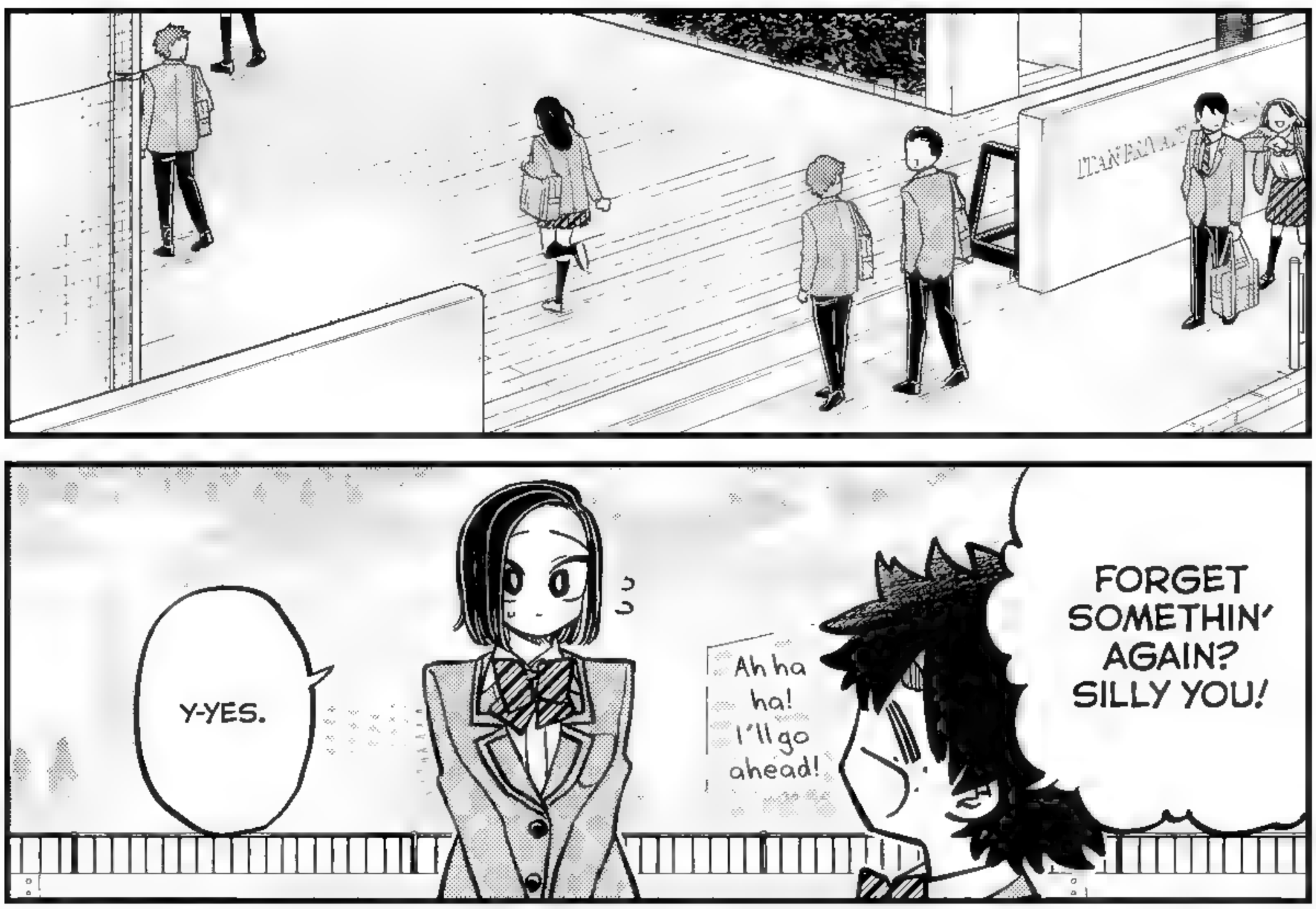
C C

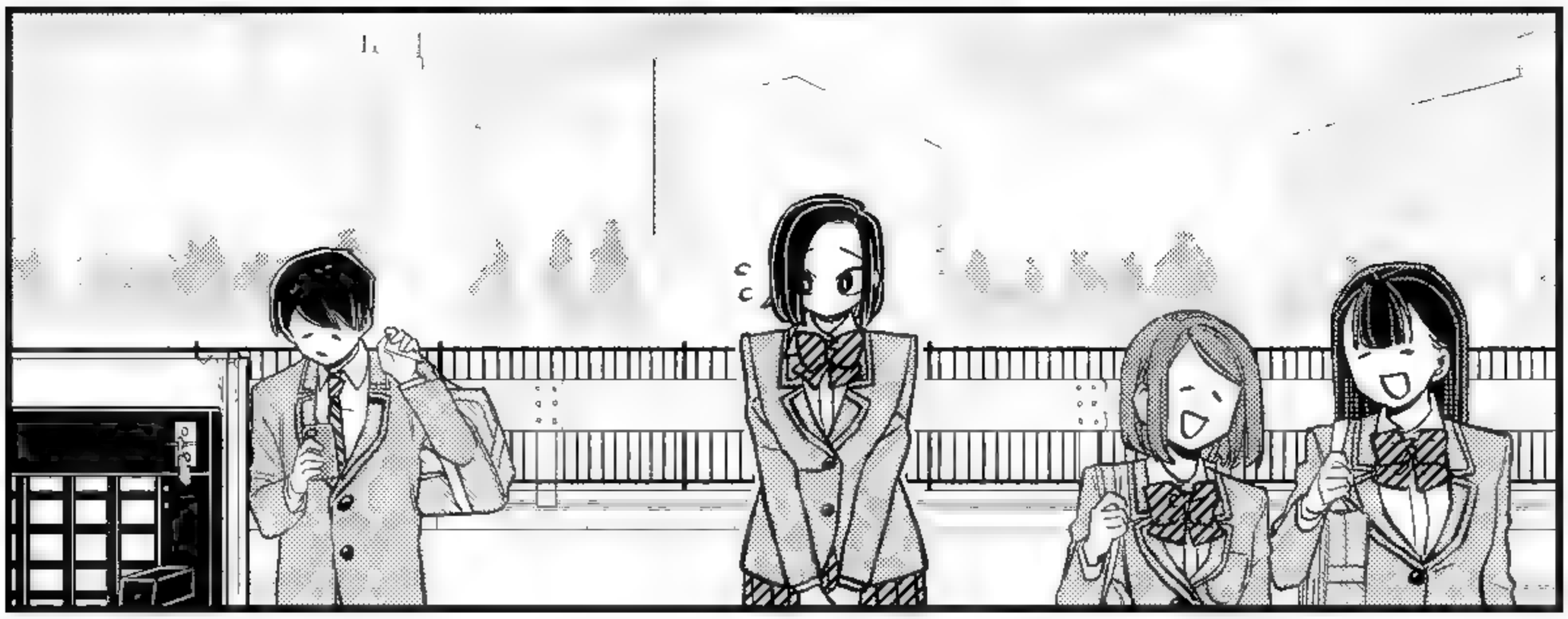
...!

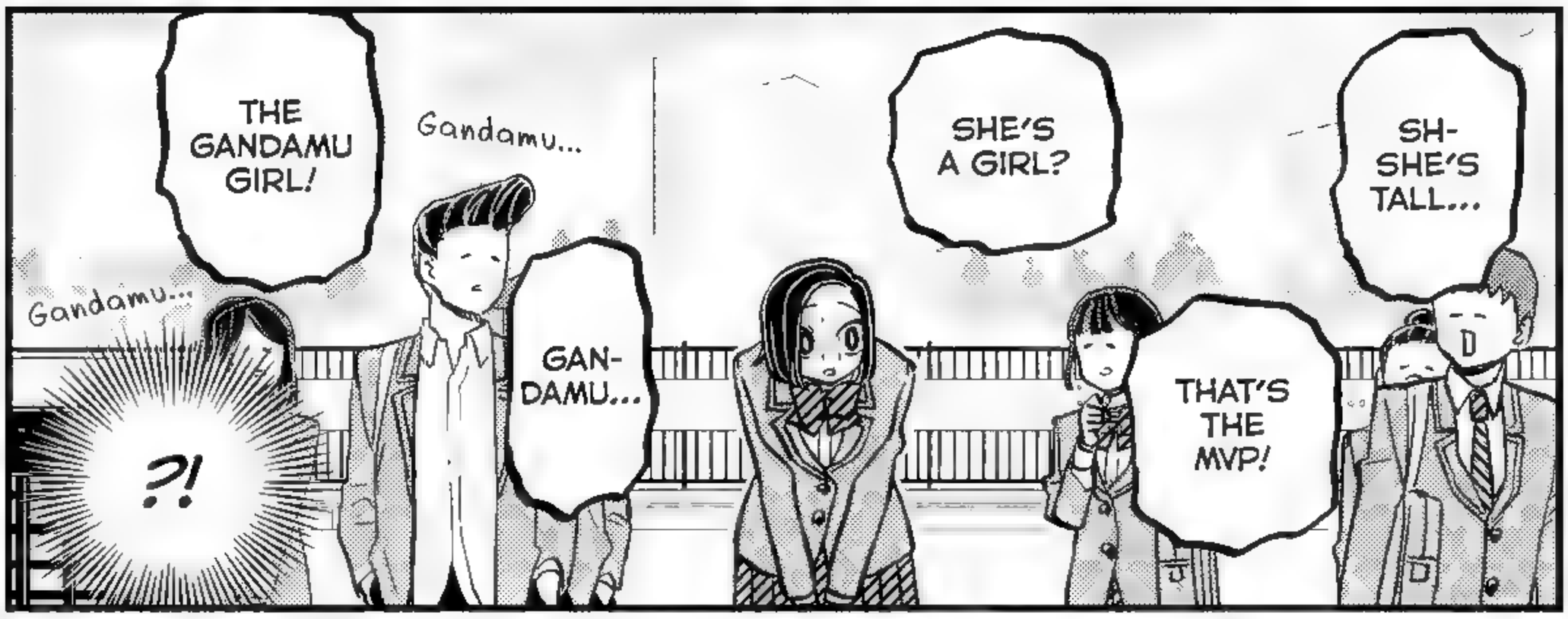
HEY.

DON'T MAKE THIS A HEART-WARMING MOMENT!

HUBBUB
AH HA HA
FWIP
?!
uchidas
MORNIN', WAKAI!
IT EVOLVED !
UH-HUH!
U...
...


Y-YES.
Ah ha ha! I'll go ahead!
FORGET SOMETHIN' AGAIN? SILLY YOU!




THE GANDAMU GIRL!
Gandamu...
Gandamu...
?!
GAN-DAMU...
SHE'S A GIRL?
THAT'S THE MVP!
SH-SHE'S TALL...

Gandamu...

Wants to go home

Gandamu...
Gandamu...

!!

BAMMO!

!

MORNING, KOMOREBI!

?!

N-NO, DON'T!!

Hakkey-o-o-o-i!

Wants her own bammo

FLIKR FLIKR

LOOK! AOI'S HERE T—

LET'S GO!!!

WHY'RE YOU JUST STANDIN' AROUND?!

Eeek!

...

...OKAY!

UM...

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Where can I put that?!

She got to keep it.

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*Read vertically.

THUD

S-SEI-KI-MATSU!

UNGH!

Class 3-1 in battle

WAAAAAAAH

HUFF

HUFF

HUFF

Can't recall

HUH? UM, OKAY...

I ACCIDENTALLY ELBOWED YOU IN THE FACE IN FIRST GRADE...

Yo Fuki, 3-1

!

AND I ALWAYS WANTED... TO APOLO-GIZE...

PTOOM

HWSH

WEIRD TRA-JEC-TORY!

T

SHUMP

S—

...TADA-NO.

SO I'M SORRY...

HIWUP

!!

PONK

Communication 335 — Battle Royale Side Stories

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ENOUGH

SEIKI-MATSU!

SWUP

HEAVE

I'm out.

?!

S-SORRY, BUT THIS IS WAR!

Seiki-matsu's killer

Yo Fuki, 3-1

Goo-goo...
(I'VE BEEN ALONE FOR TWO YEARS. I THOUGHT THAT'S WHAT I WANTED, BUT I WAS LONELY.)
?!
PTOOM
HWSH
WEIRD TRA-JEC-TORY!
WHSH
!!
FWAK
Yesh. (YES.)
GRIP
HUH? WITH ME?
Ga-ga... (YOU'RE MY FIRST FRIEND.)
...!
GRIP
THIS AGAIN?!
OGIYA!
THUD
SHUMP
...ble. (...HONOR.)
O—
Bur... (PROTECT-ING YOU WAS MY...)
W-WHY, OGIYA?!

OGI-
YAAA!!
IS THAT WHAT HE SAID? OH WELL!
Baboo!
SWP
SWP
?!
MAYBE LET'S PUT DOWN THE GUN?
Yo Fuki, 3-1
KYAH KYAH
There's one more panel left, so here's the gym!

!

WERE YOU ACTUALLY A LITTLE ANGRY?

I'M NOT ANGRY

WHAT FOR?

HUH? AR

FLASH-BACK COMIN' UP!!!

ACTUALLY, MAYBE I IS!!!

HERE YA GO!

GRNCH

...

WHAT A DAY, HUH?

ZOD

RUSTL

RUSTL

WELL DONE, KOMI.

!

SHAKE SHAKE

...AND EVEN JOINED THE GAME.

BUT SHIINA STOPPED BEING SO PRICKLY...

I SHOULDN'T HAVE ASKED.

SKRK SKRK SKRK SKRK SKRK

...

...

"I'm not used to arguing, so it was hard."

I wasn't angry.

!

"SISYPHEAN ENDEAVOR"?!

She wouldn't listen, so it was a Sisyphean endeavor.

...

RIGHT. OF COURSE NOT.

I think that irritated me. But from her point of view, she was angry at me. I was being pushy.

WHICH IS IT?!

But I was a little. No, I don't think so.

Maybe I should have stayed silent.

!

I do regret it, though.

BUT IT WAS COOL.

!

...WHEN YUKAPOYO WAS INSULTING HER.

IT WAS COOL HOW YOU STEPPED IN...

...HER ATTITUDE WAS BAD.

NEITHER OF YOU IS TO BLAME, BUT...

THAT'S SOMETHING I LIKE ABOUT YOU.

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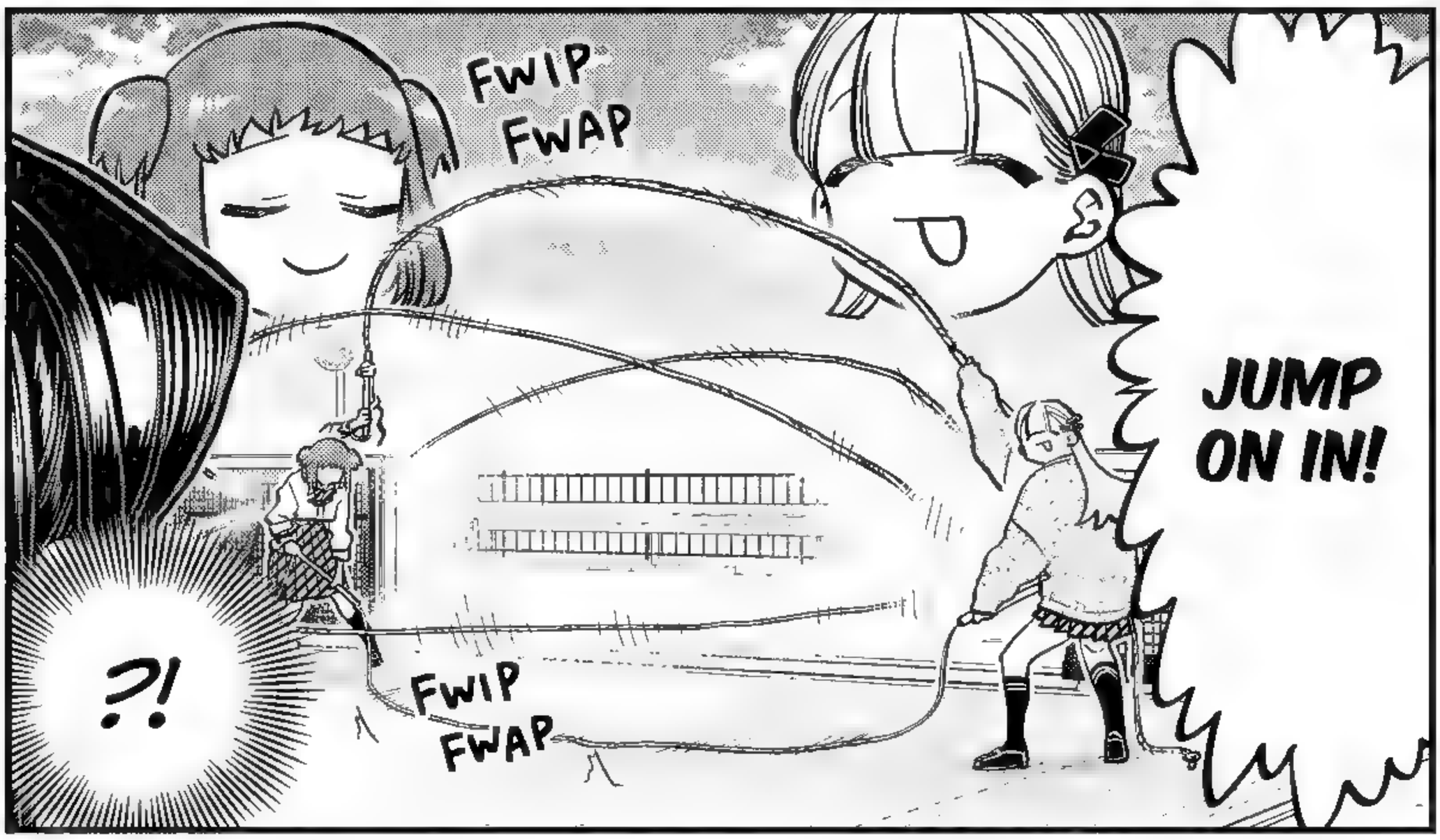


Communication 336: Long-Rope Jumping

Oh, the possibil-ities!!!

MAYBE I'LL SEE KOMI'S UNDIES!!!

This time she'll try the long jump rope.

*Like this.

KASPLASH

Ren Yamai has tried everything she can for a peek at Komi's undies.

...so it's a despi-cable...

...but...

...per-fect plan!

She hasn't allowed Komi time to put on P.E. clothes...

FWIP FWAP

FWIP FWAP

FWIP FWAP

But what if Komi steps around it?!

...rarin' to go!!

HMPH

Nope...

...she's surpris-ingly ...

SHE FELL FOR IT!!

HOP

...YOU NAUGHTY GIRL! WA HA HA!

8k cam-era

NOW I WILL STEAL A GLANCE...

?!

RUMI-KOOO !!!

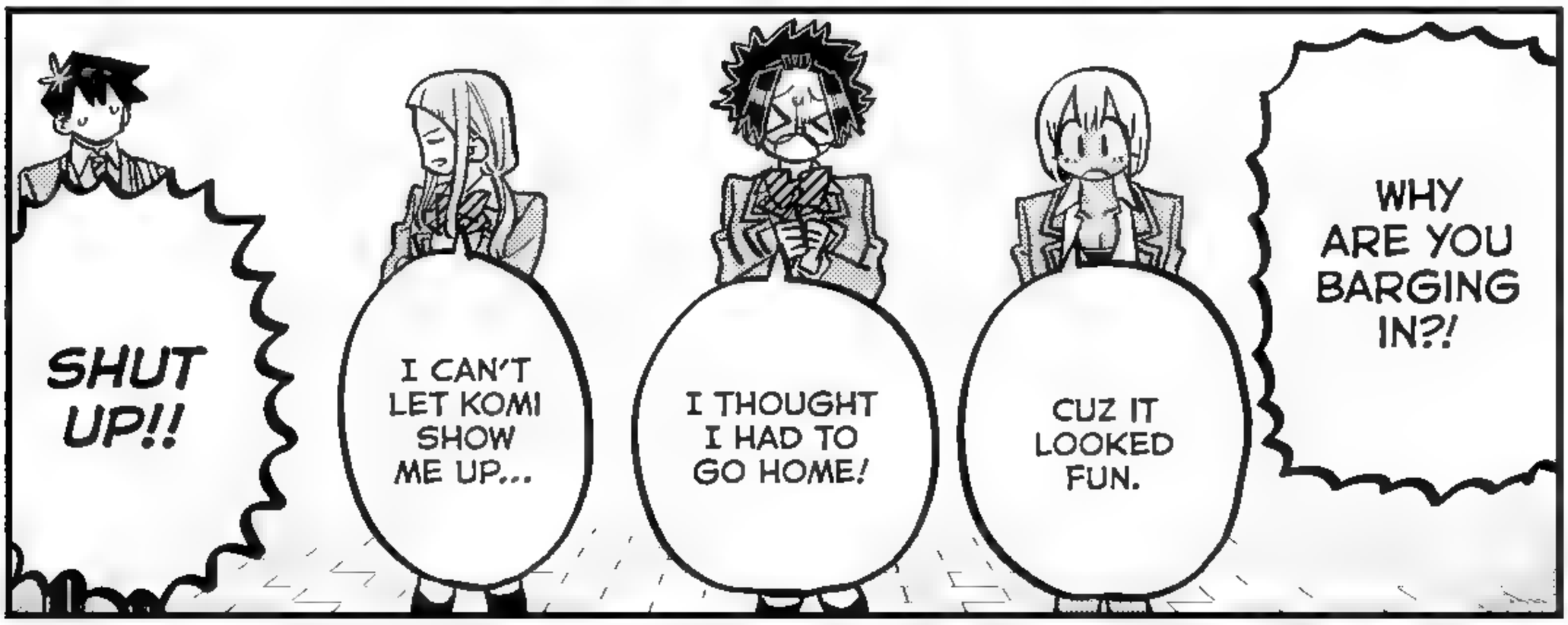
Rumiko Manbagi

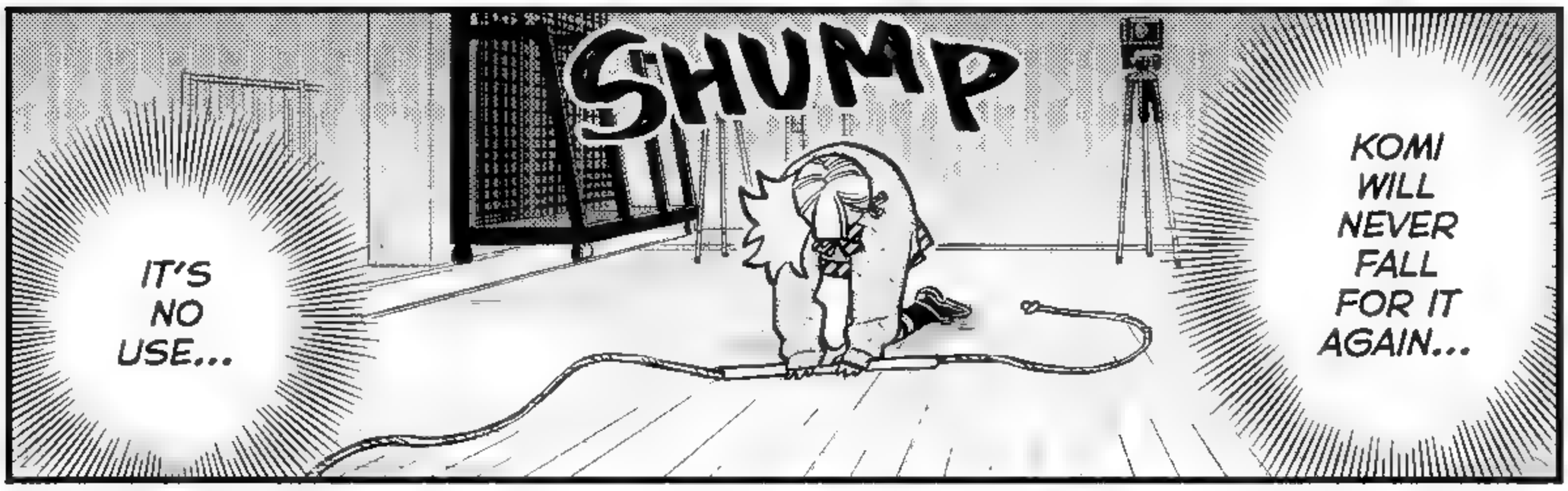
FWOP

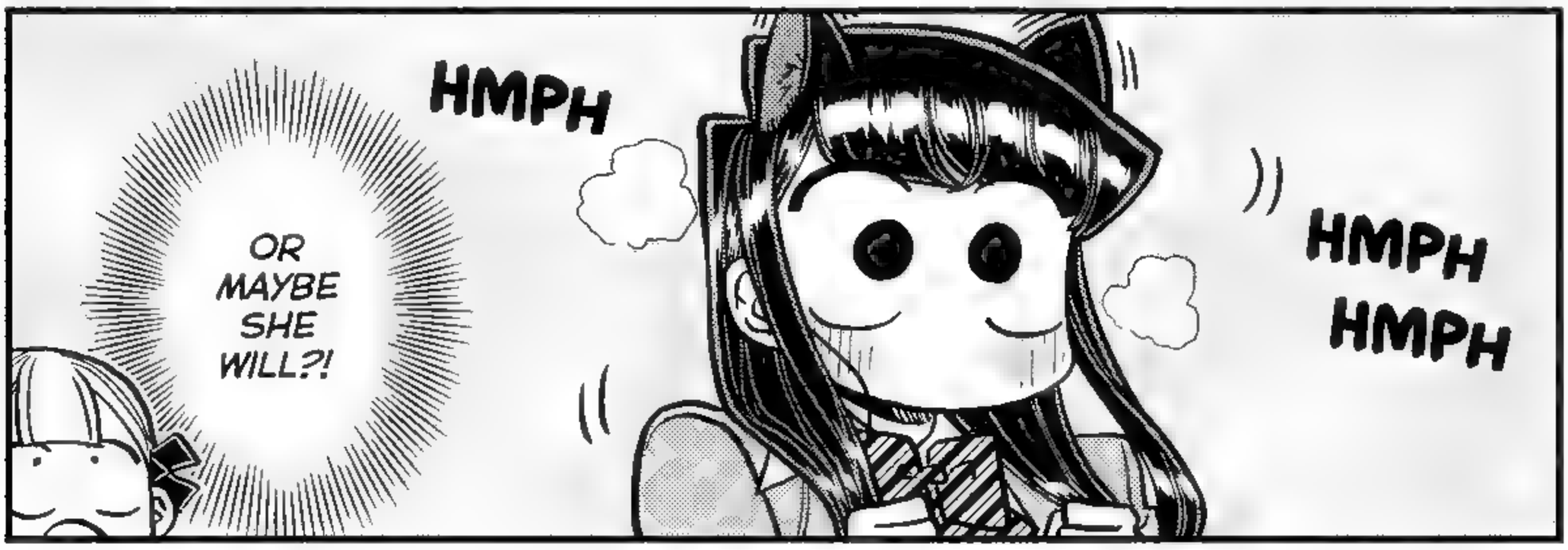
GYAH!

R
YEAH, SORRY!
GAH! YOU ALWAYS INTER-FERE!
Komi jumped in.
Sec-ond try
PULL IT TOGETHER AND TRY AGAIN!
YES!
YES...
YES...
FWOOP
KYAH!
HIMI-KOOO !!!!
?!
Himiko Agari

?!!
MAKE-
RUUU
!!!!
I
MUST
NOT
LOSE
!!
FWOPP
Third
try
Makeru Yadano


SHUT
UP!!
I CAN'T
LET KOMI
SHOW
ME UP...
I THOUGHT
I HAD TO
GO HOME!
CUZ IT
LOOKED
FUN.
WHY
ARE YOU
BARGING
IN?!


IT'S
NO
USE...
SHUMP
KOMI
WILL
NEVER
FALL
FOR IT
AGAIN...


OR
MAYBE
SHE
WILL?!
HMPH
HMPH
HMPH

HOP

*Purified.

...!

HOP

HIP

!

JOIN IN, EVERY-BODY!

!!

I'LL DO IT 100 TIMES IF I MUST!!

RUMI-KOOO !!!

FWOPPP

OOPS.

*Purification incomplete.

WHY, GOD ?!

The camera never caught the desired view.

That's why she helped.

Ahhhhh...

FLASH

FLASH

Saw plenty of the bounce she likes

Shuki Ohai

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The Second-Years' Passion

WE DIDN'T GET THE "PROXY CHAIRMAN SETOKA WILL DO ANYTHING I SAY" TICKET!

...

Sorry, Goro-ro!

After the battle

THEN SHALL *I* DO WHATEVER YOU WANT?

MUMBL

!

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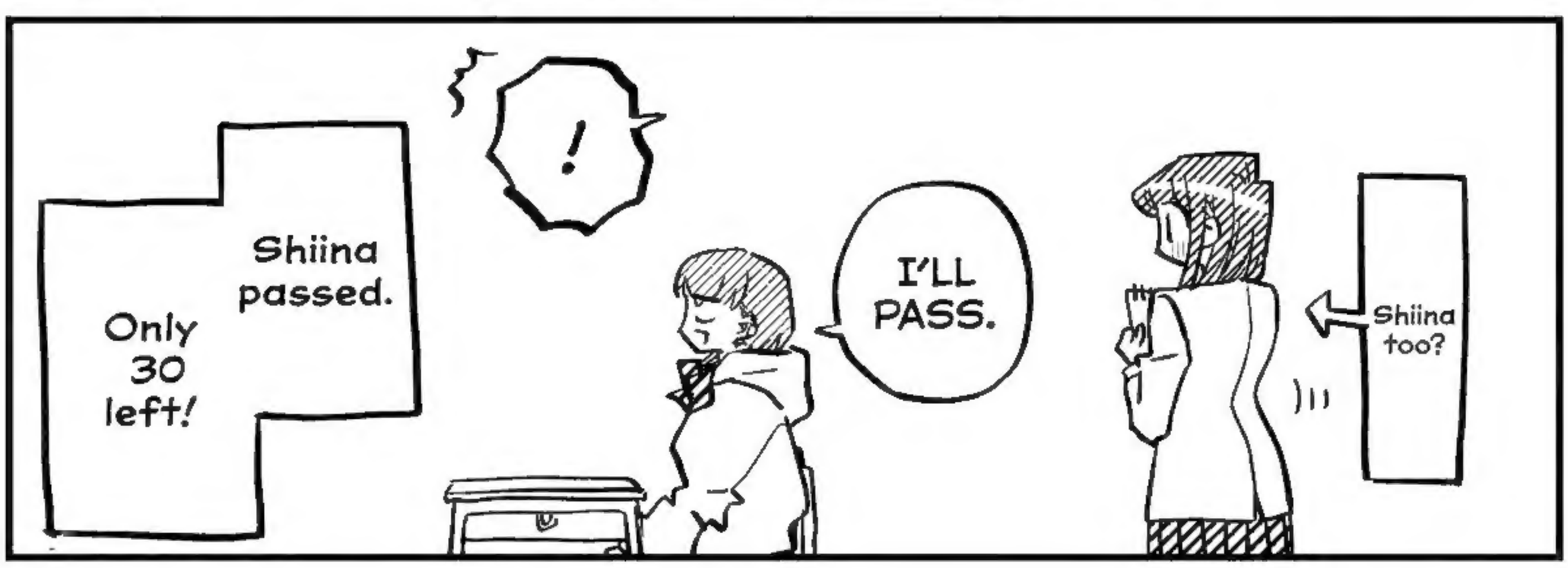
Can Komi Make a Hundred Friends? Muzuka Holds Out!



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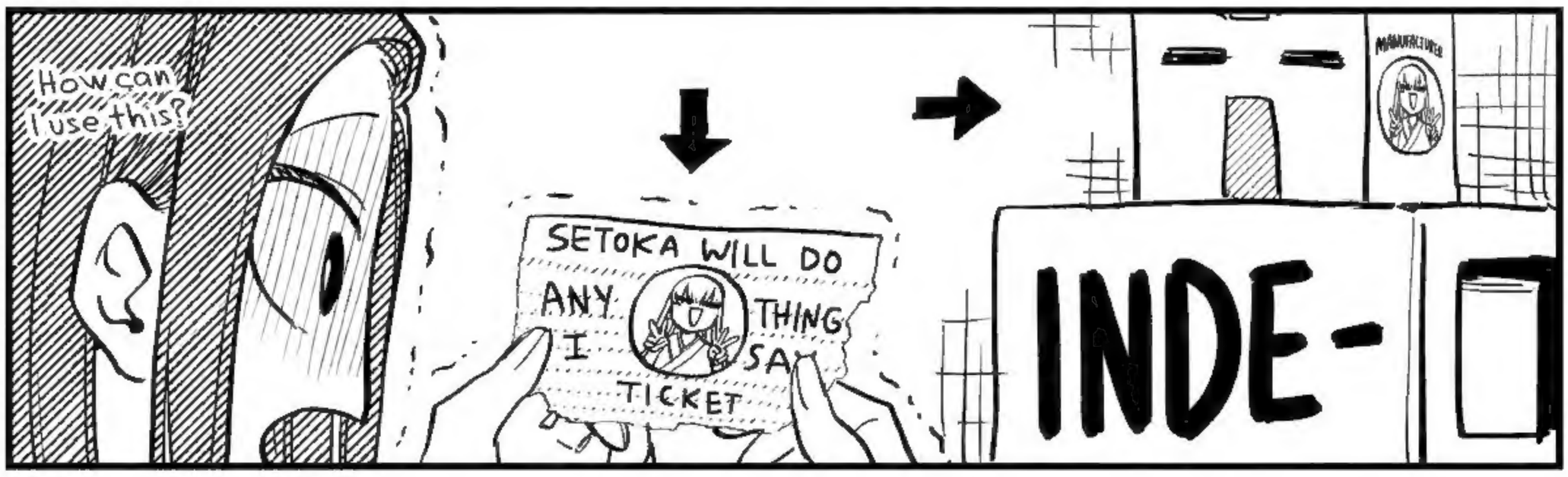

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